

### News from the Federation 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

All the staff at the Federation have been working incredibly hard getting the school ready for the return of all the children on Monday.

We are very excited and looking forward to having them back in school where they can see all their friends and teachers. As before, additional and frequent cleaning will take place during the course of the school day to keep everyone safe and mitigate the risk of COVID.

Thank you to everyone who dressed up for World Book Day and made an entry for the Potato Head competition. Winners will be announced next week!

When we re-open the school, we will continue to use google classroom to set homework and provide information about the learning taking place in class. It has been great to have so many parents involved in supporting their children's learning during this lockdown and we want this to continue. We will also continue to provide remote education for children who are self-isolating or clinically extremely vulnerable and unable to come into school.

It is essential that adults maintain their social distance when waiting to collect children at the end of the day and on the way to and from school. All adults should wear face masks. For the time being, and at least up until the 19<sup>th</sup> May, there will be no school trips or visits.

#### **Nomination for Partnership Governor**

We would like to inform you that the Governing Body nominates Sara Garnham to fill our vacant partnership governor post. Sara has a wealth of experience from her professional life and previous governance role. She believes that the opportunities delivered through education are enormous and has relevant experience gained via a variety of executive and non-executive board roles across a range of sectors. If you have any queries regarding this nomination, please contact the clerk to the governing body, Jen Hefti, via [jhefti@trufed.org.uk](mailto:jhefti@trufed.org.uk).

#### **PE Kit Reminder**

On PE days, please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit - a t-shirt, jumper, shorts or trousers and trainers. PE will be happening outside in all weathers so please also make sure they have a raincoat. On PE days, please make sure jewellery is removed. Your child's PE days will be communicated via Tapestry and Google Classroom.

#### **Wraparound Care**

With the full opening of school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, we will still only be able to offer care for the families that have already received a letter confirming this. Unfortunately, due to the bubble arrangements and therefore limited capacity, we are unable to offer this service to children from Reception class at Fawcett.

#### **Wellbeing Questionnaire**

Please find below, link to a wellbeing questionnaire. We would be grateful if you could complete this so that we can gain an idea into the effects of the most recent lockdown on people's general well-being.

We currently have Social Work and Drama Therapy students supporting us at the schools and the responses from your questionnaire will be very useful in allocating appropriate support to children and families.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqBw8MRGGEEdha8LWcjvnQA4MHv0M8KmApDFngDJ7NnqvamCg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqBw8MRGGEEdha8LWcjvnQA4MHv0M8KmApDFngDJ7NnqvamCg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

#### **Term Dates**

##### **Last day of Spring Term**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

##### **First day of Summer Term**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

##### **Inset Day**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021

##### **Last day Summer Half Term**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

##### **Last day of Summer Term**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

#### **Attendance**

School attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from 8 March and remote learning provided by the school will cease except in certain circumstances related to Covid 19.

The usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- Parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school, and they are of compulsory school age)
- The ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with Local Authority's codes of conduct.

As usual, the school is responsible for recording attendance, following up absence and reporting children missing in education to the Local Authority.



# Rapid Covid-19 Home Testing Kits for households with children

**Help us keep coronavirus out of school**

**Take part in twice weekly rapid Covid-19 home testing**

Households with school-age children can now test themselves twice a week from home using rapid Covid-19 home testing kits.

With up to one in three individuals with coronavirus showing no symptoms, it means some can potentially spread Covid-19 without knowing it. Regular testing of people who are unable to stay at home and don't have symptoms means that people with Covid-19 can be detected early and can self-isolate.

As children and young people return to the classroom, we need to be sure that potential Covid-19 cases are found as quickly as possible and that measures are put in place to prevent them from spreading throughout the school community. Although cases are declining generally, we all need to continue to play our part to keep the virus under control and ensure children and young people can remain in education.

Rapid Covid-19 home testing kits will be available for asymptomatic:

- adults living in households with primary and secondary-age pupils, including their childcare and support bubbles;
- school staff and adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders, as well as members of their households.

Testing is for adults only. Secondary school and college pupils will also undertake regular testing which will be provided via their school or college. Primary school pupils are not being offered rapid testing at this time but parents and carers should access a PCR Covid-19 lab test for them via the national booking system if they develop symptoms.

To find out where you can **collect** home test kits, visit:

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

If you are unable to collect, you can order online to be **delivered to your home**:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or by calling 119.

You do not need to book an appointment or provide ID to collect your home testing kits. Each test kit contains seven lateral flow tests and instructions. You can get up to 28 tests at a time depending on the size of your household. The test usually involves taking a sample from your throat and from your nose, using a swab. You can get a result in 30 minutes.

Rapid tests don't identify all cases of Covid-19, so if your home rapid Covid-19 test is negative, it's vital you continue to follow government guidelines of social distancing, wearing face coverings and sanitising hands. If the test is positive, you should inform your child's school or college and self-isolate immediately with the rest of your household. You will be required to take a lab PCR Covid-19 test to confirm the result – you can book this at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test-or-call-119>. If you have coronavirus symptoms get a lab PCR Covid-19 test.



Help us **stop the spread** of coronavirus