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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to our first STARS (Success, Teamwork, Aspiration, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility) of the week from each class for 2019/20. The class teacher chooses one child each week who has demonstrated one or more of our core values. The last two week's winners were:

Kestrel	Dylan and Rosie
Sparrowhawk	Derin and Luke
Buzzard	Tommy and Arthur

As was always expected at this time of year, people are finding it difficult to tell if the symptoms their child is displaying are symptoms of Covid-19 or not. The persistent, continuous cough is proving the most difficult for people to distinguish. The government guidelines describe it as “**a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours”. If you are in any doubt at all then please do not send your child to school and book a test. If you are unable to book a test, then your child needs to self-isolate for 10 days. Any family member needs to self-isolate for 14 days. Clearly this does make it rather challenging to get your child to school between day 11 and 14. Your child's absence will be marked as Covid-related if you are unable to get them to school between days 11 and 14 and will therefore be authorised absence.

I would like to reiterate my thanks from last week for the way many of you have responded so quickly to any potential symptom and have kept your child/ren off until a negative test has been confirmed. We are aware that social media and other agencies may include other symptoms for Covid-19, however, the government position at this time has not changed and it remains just the same three:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal



We have to follow this guidance rigidly. It may also be different to what the health secretary states in interviews, but until the guidance for schools changes we must follow the published guidance. If you believe your child has any of these symptoms, then you need to get them tested or need to self-isolate for the 10 days (and 14 for the other family members). This is undoubtedly going to be a regular occurrence as we enter cold and flu season but is something we will all work through together. There will be many times when you will be unsure if the cough is continuous – if you are in any doubt, please err on the side of caution.

With regards to work being sent home, this will only be the case in where a child needs to isolate. If your child is absent for non-Covid related illness we will not be sending work home as your child is unwell. Please also remember that the staff are teaching all day and therefore will not be able to get work to your child the same morning you call – the pack would be put together at the end of the school day and then sent to you via electronic communication.

Most common questions for school attendance regarding Covid-19

<p>...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.</p> <p>a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)</p> <p>a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours</p> <p>a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test - Inform the school immediately about the test result <p>Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.</p>	<p>...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.</p>
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...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<p><i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i></p>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.

End of day routines

Please ensure at the end of the day your children are properly supervised. Please remember no children should be walking / climbing along walls - for their own safety.

Open Day for prospective new parents

Clearly this is not going to be possible in the same way as we have done previously. The children in Buzzards will not be able to show people around as this would involve them being in close proximity with someone outside of their bubble. We will be encouraging prospective parents to look at the school via the website and to speak to friends and family who know our setting. However, for some new parents to the area they will want to see the school physically to see if it is right for their child. We will be following our risk assessment and showing prospective parents around school by pre-booked appointment only. Parents will not be able to



enter the classrooms nor interact with the children in school. We will continually review this as we do with the entire risk assessment.

Parents' Evenings

Lots of schools are discussing the issue around traditional parents' evenings at present. A lot of schools are making the decision to move to written reports with telephone consultations with the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo) as required. As we already provide a written report already as part of our parents' evening offer, this is the route we will take unless the guidance changes.

Bees of Bury update

Miss Willett, Mr Gatrell and now Miss Hetherington have all been working with Kathy (Bee Keeper from Bury) to ensure the hive is doing well. The bees are now moving into winter and are far less active. Our beekeeping staff have been making sure they are topped up with sugar syrup to get them through the winter. The hive is opened less and less now to preserve the warmth within it. Unfortunately, the timing of lockdown coincided with the start of the children's hands-on learning with them. Hopefully, all being well, we are in a position for Mr Gatrell and Miss Hetherington to work with the children in Sparrowhawks as spring brings more activity to the hives.



Fire Alarm

The children, particularly our new Reception children, did brilliantly as we had a fire drill just after lunch today.



Birthdays

Children can wear their own clothes for the day (or a day either side of the holiday) when it is their birthday. Please do not send the children in with cakes or sweets to share – clearly this is not in-keeping with our Covid-19 Risk Assessment. In its place, we thought that instead of sweets it would be a good idea to buy a book for the school/class. The children then present the book to the school in assembly before placing it in our school library. If there was a message inscribed it would keep reminding the child of their birthday every time either they, or a friend, borrow the book. The link below is an Amazon wish list where the staff and children have selected some books that they would like for school.

[Birthday Book wish list](#)

Please don't feel constrained by the list, nor feel you have to get them through Amazon – locally we have great bookshops in Arundel and Petworth both of which have a very good selection of children's books. It is also great to receive a book chosen by your child because it is something they are particularly interested in.

Please do add your views to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. It is incredibly helpful to us for you to share the positives of what is going on at Bury CE Primary; if you have the time and would like to share the good work we are doing then please do add your feedback. Excerpt below taken from ParentView website.

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

We will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect and when.

Click 'Give your views' to register and complete a survey to help your child's school improve.

It is parents' responsibility to inform the school of any changes to consent to administer medicine.

It is parents' responsibility to keep us informed of changes to your personal data and where the school process personal data solely on the basis that you have consented to the processing, you have the right to withdraw that consent.

Diary Dates

I will try to give you as much notice as possible about forthcoming events at school. We will try not to change dates and times, but sometimes we do need to due to circumstances beyond our control. Unfortunately, a lot of what we had planned for this term is currently under review. As we are able to confirm additional things we will let you know.

Please keep checking these dates and times as I will update them every week. New dates added are in bold.

26 th October – 30 th October	Half Term
21 st December	Start of Christmas Holidays
Saturday 16th January 2021!	Bury Wassail 3 – 6pm Canceled

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Monday January 4 th	INSET
Monday May 4 th	INSET

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,
Headteacher