



# Mellor News

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## **Hello to our Y4 children**

We know that it is difficult to have to self-isolate, so on this newsletter we are sending a big hello and well done to all of our Y4 children who are staying at home, helping to keep others safe. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September but until then remember you need to stay indoors until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Please remember remote learning is in place for all children who are required to self-isolate and they should undertake the school work set for them each day from home. Children will be required to register each day on Db Primary and class teachers will be on hand to support children with this. Please contact us if you are having any difficulties.

## **If your child has been sent home to self-isolate due to a confirmed case at school**

Please make sure that your child stays at home for 14 days, it is important that they do not go out. The other members of your household do not need to isolate unless your child starts to display symptoms. This means that any siblings should continue to come to school. If you are unsure of what to do or are struggling to bring your other children to school please contact the school office. Please remember you do not need to get your child tested unless they show symptoms.

## **Face Coverings**

We strongly urge all parents to wear face coverings at drop off and collection times to help reduce the risk of infection. Please let's work together to protect one another. For more information please see the Leicester City Council Return to School webpage

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-arrangments-autumn-term-covid-19/do-i-have-to-wear-a-face-covering-when-taking-my-child-to-school/> government guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own> and Leicester Mercury article

<https://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/leicester-news/leicester-parents-told-wear-masks-4522035>

## **What to do if your child has symptoms**

If your child is unwell and you are uncertain as to whether your child has developed a normal beginning of the school year cold or real COVID symptoms, we have developed a symptoms grid which can be found on our Return to School page on our website to help you. This does not replace medical guidance but you may find it useful. Remember, if your child develops one or more symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough and loss of/ change to taste or smell.) of Covid-19 you should take these actions:

- Most importantly your child and your household should self-isolate
- If you are unclear about the symptoms, go to 111 online ([www.111.nhs.uk](http://www.111.nhs.uk))
- Book a test for those who are symptomatic at the available [testing centres](#). **Please do not book tests for household members who do not have symptoms.**
- If you are not able to book a test yet and your child have, or have recently had, symptoms they must continue to self-isolate for 10 days from the beginning of onset of symptoms (household contacts should isolate for 14 days)
- While self-isolating, you should keep trying to obtain a test
- If concerned about the health of your child, contact 111 or GP for advice
- If they have had a test and it is inconclusive, they should continue to self-isolate and book another test (if within 5 days of developing symptoms)

**We strongly advise parents to follow the above process and only go to A&E if it is an emergency health issue. Please do not go to A&E to try to access a test.**

### **Leicester Lockdown Rules**

As Leicester still remains in lockdown, families living in Leicester City must not:

- host people you do not live with in your home or garden, unless they're in your support bubble
- meet people you do not live with in their home or garden, whether inside or outside of Leicester, unless they're in your support bubble

In addition to these restrictions, the government advise that you should not:

- socialise with people you do not live with, unless they're in your support bubble, in any public venue. This applies to inside and outside of Leicester. Examples of public venues include pubs, restaurants, cafes, shops, places of worship, community centres, leisure and entertainment venues, or visitor attractions and parks
- visit friends or family in care homes, other than in exceptional circumstances. Care homes should restrict visits to these circumstances

### **Safeguarding at Mellor**

Safeguarding is of paramount importance to us at Mellor. Our Safeguarding and Child Protection policy is available through our school website. This policy is reviewed and amended on an annual basis and outlines. Please note the school's key responsibilities with regard to safeguarding below.

*'The school ensures children learn in a safe, caring and enriching environment. Children are taught how to keep themselves safe, on and off line, to develop positive and healthy relationships and how to avoid situations where they might be at risk including by being exploited.'*

***The school has a statutory responsibility to share any concerns it might have about a child in need of protection with other agencies and in particular police, health and children's services. Schools are not able to investigate concerns but have a legal duty to refer them. In most instances, the school will be able to inform the parents/carer of its need to make a referral. However, sometimes the school is advised by Children's Social Care or police that the parent/carer cannot be informed whilst they investigate the matter. We understand the anxiety parents/carers understandably feel when they are not told about any concerns from the outset. The school follows legislation that aims to act in the best interests of the child.***

### **Update your details**

Please remember to update your details with the school office if these have changed. It is important that we have an accurate way of contacting you.

### **Adminstrating medication and health plans**

Where a child requires medication during the school day, the school will work with parents to agree a protocol for its administration. If a child requires an Individual Health Care Plan the school SENCo in collaboration with parents and other health professionals will draw up a plan including relevant training for any staff who will administer medicine or medical procedures.

### **Library Books**

If your child has borrowed any school library book before the lockdown, could these be returned to their class teacher as soon as possible please. Thank you.

### **Mellor Uniform**

SJ Charity Shop at 163 Loughborough Road has let us know that they have a large number of Mellor uniform items in stock.

