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18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

## Autumn Term

**Last day of the Autumn term will be 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.**

**Training day Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**Half term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 inclusive.**

# **Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.**

## A message from Mrs. Denham

We have welcomed 12 children into our reception class. They have all settled in so well into Robins class. We have loved seeing them become part of the school and welcome them to our Holywell family. We have also welcomed new children into Year 2, Thomas Maunder and Betty McCarthy.

We had a lovely WOW day on Wednesday all of the children had a virtual talk with Chris & Annie from Shelterbox asking some great questions about the charity. All children go very hot and sweaty during a sponsored run (please send your money into the office) and built shelters in the Hollow with Mrs. Carlyon based on those found around the world during natural disasters. Thank you for all of your support with this day....

I want to thank so many parents and families for their support and kind words as we have worked so hard to provide the very best reopening of school for your children. It has been a very busy and unusual time for all school staff and I think we have all managed well.

Your children have been amazing and have settled into school life remarkably well – in fact most children have been saying how they're loving being back and missed school during lockdown.

## PTA AGM

**AGM:** join from the comfort of your own home on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30 via Zoom

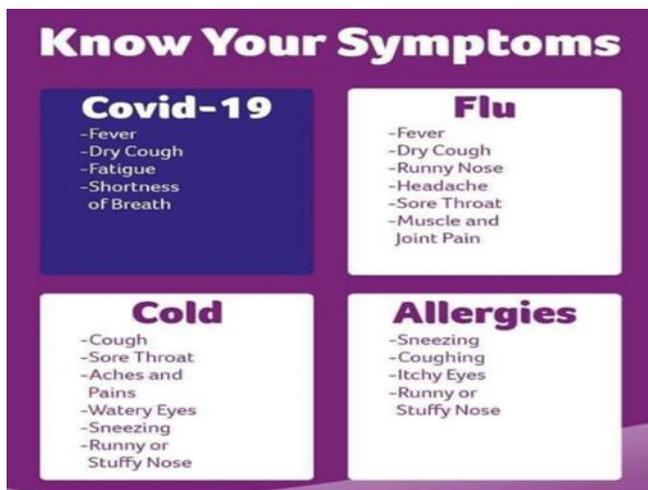
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## **Children's wellbeing**

We are expecting children to get colds and potentially Flu now that we are back in school. These are to be expected and we are aware that in the current climate these illnesses may cause additional anxiety.

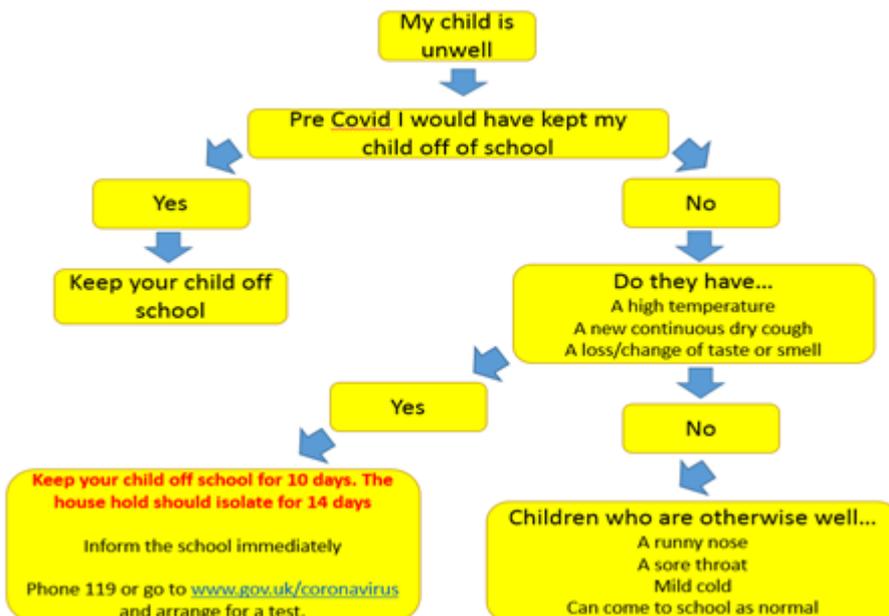


The usual rules apply in terms of sickness and diarrhoea with children having to remain at home for 48 hours clear of any D&V.

We know this week has been very stressful for several families whose children have been poorly, especially if they have been trying to get tested. Please make the decision as to whether you want to keep your child at home. **We are not doctors** so cannot make that decision for you. If a child arrives at school with a bit of a cold and/or cough, we will keep a close eye on them, especially as we need to keep the children, staff and the rest of our community safe too. It may be the case that we need to send the young person home, in which case we will contact you.

We are of course following very strict hygiene practises within school but as predicted when many children and adults are brought together after months being apart then some illness will happen. This is happening nationally across all schools.

We will always work together to adopt the best course of action:



**Useful links and phone numbers:**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>  
<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>  
 Phone NHS on 111, or the Covid kit delivery helpdesk on 119

**Safely arriving and leaving school**

We have been informed by some very concerned and anxious parents that some parents congregate on or around the school site before and after school. It is essential that all children arrive and leave at their designated start or finish time. All adults must always maintain social distancing to reduce the chance of the transmitting the

virus. Please leave a clear and wide pathway for children to safely through to get to their class. Please do not block any of the area near the gate.

Please can we remind that the children in Robins and Hedgehogs start school at 9.00am and Foxes and Squirrels at 8.45am. Please can children in Robins and Hedgehogs wait until 9.00am to enter unless they have a sibling in Squirrels or Foxes. We are trying to desperately avoid all the school being in the car park and at the gate at one time. Please do not arrive too early or too late if possible.

### **Healthy Snacks.**

All children in year's R, 1 & 2 get a healthy snack provided every day (fruit). Children in year's 3, 4, 5 & 6 are allowed to bring in a healthy snack if they wish.

### **Year 6 message from Pilton Community College**

As we are unable to invite Year 6 students and their parents and carers to our usual annual Open Events this year, we will be launching a virtual prospectus on our website from Monday, 28th September.

This will include a presentation from our Headteacher, Mr Hill, along with information regarding our different subject areas, interviews with key staff and students and a dedicated email address through which questions can be asked and answered.

Any enquiries from parents or pupils please visit our website at [piltoncollege.org.uk](http://piltoncollege.org.uk).

### **Parent Pay**

As previously notified, all payments **must** now be made by parent pay and we are **unable** to take cash payments, if you have not yet logged onto parent pay and have lost your username and password can you please email and we will get this sent out to you.

### **Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination**

Your child is due to be in Reception to Year 6 from September 2020 and they are therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020, this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

### **Dates for your diary**

12<sup>th</sup> November 2020

30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Tempest Photographer

Flu Immunisation

### **News from the PTA**



We look forward to seeing you in our first **online meeting and AGM on Wednesday!** We will catch up, discuss fundraising ideas and hopefully elect this year's committee. We are looking for a new treasurer and also welcome nominations for the positions of chair, vice-chair and secretary. More details available on request.

Remember you can follow us on Facebook Instagram or email [friendsofholywell@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofholywell@gmail.com) with any questions or suggestions.

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**Uniform shop:** Did you know that each year 1.4 million wearable uniforms are thrown away and that UK families spend on average over £200 per child in uniform? We have a well-stocked **second-hand uniform** shop, with items priced at just **£2** for tops with the new logo and **£1** for other items. Please get in touch with **Hazel Malin** on 07974 **208835** if you need any!

**Easyfundraising:** Please share this link with friends and family and remember to use it the next time you shop online!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=qxe9k8&referral-campaign=s2s>