



on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### WEAR ODD SOCKS MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER!

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and to kick it off we are inviting children to wear odd socks. Wearing odd socks reminds the children that they should be allowed to be themselves, free from bullying, and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. Donations to the Red Tree Fund, which supports our children's wellbeing, are warmly welcomed. This can be done on ParentPay but cash donations will be accepted too.

### RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2021

Parents/Carers who have a child who was born between **1 September 2016** and **31 August 2017** need to make an application for their child to start Reception Class in **September 2021** by no later than **15 January 2021**. The quickest and easiest way to make an application is online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or by contacting 0121 303 1888. Please note applications should be sent directly to the Admissions Office and NOT to school.



**INSPIRE** our children to succeed



**CREATE** excitement for learning



**ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE**

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| W/C MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER | ANTI BULLYING WEEK |
| MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER     | 3M ASSEMBLY        |

### REMINDER

To support our response to COVID 19 please remember to:

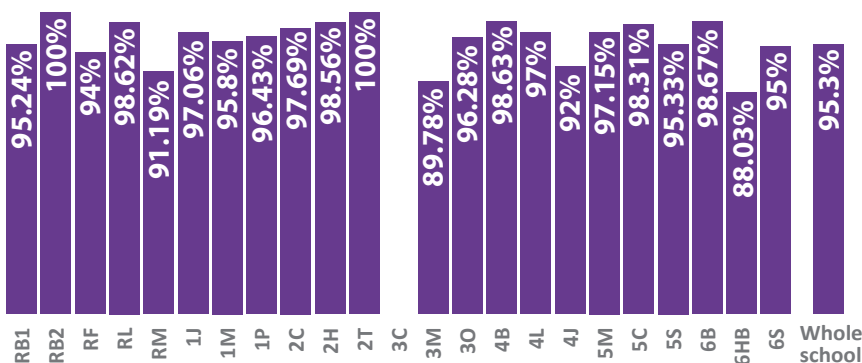
- Wear a face covering on the school site
- Adhere to social distancing guidelines
- Follow the one-way system

*Thank you*

### ATTENDANCE

| NO DAYS LOST   | 10 DAYS LOST          | 19 DAYS LOST   | 29 DAYS LOST<br>THE SAME AS<br>HALF A TERM! | 38 DAYS LOST  | 47 DAYS LOST          |
|--|-----------------------|--|---|---|-----------------------|
| 100%   | 95%                   | 90%  | 85%   | 80%   | 75%                   |
| 190 days of education  | 180 days of education | 171 days of education  | 161 days of education                       | 152 days of education                                   | 143 days of education |
| <b>GOOD</b><br>Best chance of success - get your child off to a flying start |                       | <b>WORRYING</b><br>Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to progress. |   | <b>SERIOUS CONCERN</b><br><b>COURT ACTION AND FINES</b> |                       |

Attendance W.C. 2 NOVEMBER 2020



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Are you interested in working for us as a Midday Supervisor? If so please see **our website** or ask in the school office.

#### TERM DATES

| BREAK UP          | RETURN TO SCHOOL |
|-------------------|------------------|
| FRIDAY 18 DEC     | TUESDAY 5 JAN    |
| FRIDAY 12 FEB     | MONDAY 22 FEB    |
| THURSDAY 1 APR    | TUESDAY 20 APR   |
| FRIDAY 28 MAY     | MONDAY 7 JUNE    |
| WEDNESDAY 21 JULY |                  |

#### PLEASE NOTE:

|                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| MONDAY 4 JAN 2021<br>SCHOOL CLOSED  | TEACHER TRAINING DAY |
| MONDAY 19 APR 2021<br>SCHOOL CLOSED | TEACHER TRAINING DAY |



# STARS OF THE WEEK

| Class | Name                | Reason  | Reader of the week   |
|-------|---------------------|---|----------------------|
| RF    | <b>Dax W</b>        | Dax is a fabulous member of RF! He has demonstrated excellent listening and has tried exceptionally hard during phonics lessons. Keep up the good work!   | <b>Skyler-Rose M</b> |
| RL    | <b>Seda N</b>       | Seda has been trying really hard in all areas of learning this week, especially in Literacy and Phonics lessons. She is beginning to apply her phonics knowledge to write initial sounds independently and forms some of her letters correctly. Keep up the good work Seda!   | <b>Ahmed H</b>       |
| 1J    | <b>Mysha K</b>      | Mysha has been trying hard with her phonics and writing this week. She has been applying knowledge of her phase 2 sounds in her writing. Keep it up Mysha   | <b>Aleeza M</b>      |
| 1M    | <b>Hashim H</b>     | Hashim is a real superstar. This week he has shown me his fantastic attitude to his learning, working extremely hard in every lesson. Hashim is also a kind friend to every child in 1M. Well done Hashim.  | <b>Aayan P</b>       |
| 1P    | <b>Hussain A</b>    | Hussain has worked really hard with his phonics this week. He is learning lots of new sounds and applying it to his writing. Well done!   | <b>Ariana T B</b>    |
| 2T    | <b>Asir Y</b>       | Asir is our star of the week because he always puts 100% effort into any task that he completes. This week he was even able to recall some key facts about reptiles that he had read about in our guided reading lesson. This shows Asir was concentrating and thinking very carefully about the book. Keep up the great work Asir! Well done!  | <b>Cody C</b>        |
| 2H    | <b>Taiba I</b>      | Taiba is new to Billesley and has settled in extremely well. She is kind, caring, polite and hard working. Taiba has really impressed us in maths this week when subtracting numbers. She tried really hard to solve problems. Well done Taiba! We are so proud of you!   | <b>Aayat Z</b>       |
| 2C    | <b>Slman M</b>      | Slman has made a great start to this half term. He comes to school everyday full of enthusiasm with a real keenness to learn. He has been trying hard this week in his maths lessons where he has been adding and subtracting numbers with confidence. Well done Slman!   | <b>Fatima Z A</b>    |
| 3C    | <b>L'Taejah J-R</b> | L'Taejah is an absolute superstar. She is so sensible and kind - she always asks if she can help in any way possible. L'Taejah has been working hard on her maths work and her handwriting this week and I am so impressed. L'Taejah I am very proud of you! Keep being a star.   | <b>Mohammed S N</b>  |
| 3O    | <b>Rayyan H</b>     | Oh my goodness what an amazing week Rayyan has had! Focused, enthusiastic and determined are three words to describe his week! I am so impressed.   | <b>Fatimah E</b>     |
| 3M    | <b>Ellie C</b>      | Ellie has made an enormous effort this week in lots of her lessons. I am impressed when she keeps trying, even when things get tricky. We are all very proud of you Ellie!  | <b>Samina B</b>      |
| 4J    | <b>Samreen R</b>    | Samreen is a role model in 4J. She is kind, friendly, helpful and tries her best at all times. She is an all round superstar, who brightens up the classroom. 4J would not be the same without you Samreen. Keep shining!   | <b>Safa R</b>        |
| 4B    | <b>Faris A</b>      | Faris has impressed me so much this week with his hard working attitude in writing. He has created a great newspaper report on the chromebooks! Keep it up!   | <b>Izabela B</b>     |
| 4L    | <b>Muneeb H</b>     | What a transformation I have seen in Muneeb. He is now such a hardworking and focused young man who is showing progress in so many different lessons. He even enjoyed taking part in a GoNoodle activity (secretly). Keep up with the positive attitude Muneeb.   | <b>Rowan R</b>       |
| 5C    | <b>Zohra A</b>      | I'm really impressed with Zohra this week as she's made a great effort to contribute more to class discussions. It has been great to listen to her ideas and opinions this week - long may this continue! Well done Zohra!  | <b>Charanjot G</b>   |
| 5S    | <b>Bethany W</b>    | Bethany is an absolute delight to have in class. She works really hard in all subjects and clearly demonstrates that she wants to succeed and make progress. Bethany has a great sense of humour and always puts a smile on my face every day. Thank you for being in my class - I am a super lucky teacher.  | <b>Rheann D</b>      |
| 5M    | <b>Elif U</b>       | Elif is a bright, shining star! She works incredibly hard in all lessons, and makes valuable contributions to our discussions. Thank you, Elif.   | <b>Libby J</b>       |
| 6HB   | <b>Brandon Y</b>    | I have been beyond proud of Brandon's attitude, behaviour and learning since coming back after half term. He is more focused and engaged and it is showing in his work. He is also showing a real love for learning and such enthusiasm to be here in school. Keep it up Brandon because you are making everybody so proud!   | <b>Hassan B</b>      |
| 6B    | <b>Robert T-M</b>   | What an absolute star Robert has been this week! I have been so proud of him, especially in writing where he has been working independently to produce some spectacular writing. Thank you for being so amazing this week Robert! We are all really proud of you.   | <b>Shahmeer S</b>    |
| 6S    | <b>Lily C</b>       | Lily has impressed myself and Mr.Tyler this week with her wonderful attitude to her learning and to others in school. She has been working with focus and independence in all of her subjects. Keep it up, Lily. We are very proud of you.  | <b>Isabella L-P</b>  |
| RB    | <b>Kane H</b>       | How is Kane a superstar? Let me count the ways. First of all, Kane is working really hard to improve his skills in PE by setting goals for himself and paying close attention to controlling his body. Secondly, he is showing perseverance and determination in every lesson, especially maths this week! On top of this, he has been an excellent helper to other teachers while Mrs Butler has been absent this week. Keep up the great work Kane! | <b>Harry L</b>       |

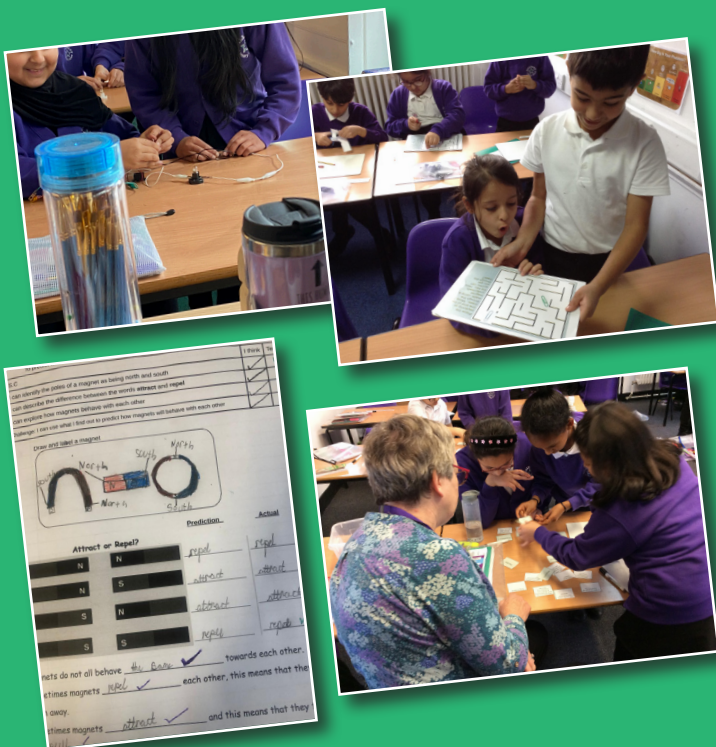


# SCIENCE

Our Billesley Scientists have been hard at work! From hunting materials outside in RB to looking at what objects can be twisted, bent and stretched in year 2. (Poor teddy!)



Our Billesley Scientists love to question and investigate to find answers. Year 3 were concluding their study into forces and magnets by producing some exciting games. Year 4 had an incredibly loud lesson exploring instruments to kick off their new topic into sound. Year 5 have been learning new scientific vocabulary to help support their learning about reversible and irreversible changes. Year 6 are becoming eclectic wizards ready to light up their classrooms for those dark afternoons. What a busy lot we are!



# YEAR 5 SCULPTURE

Just before half term, our Year 5 children took part in a project with Holy Cross Church about grief and loss through the art of sculpture. Although this is an event we take part in each year, its purpose was felt more keenly this year as the children shared their experiences and emotions over lockdown. They used these conversations as a springboard to making their own clay sculptures depicting the emotions and honestly, they were some of the best I had seen! I was completely wowed by the hard work and creativity that Year 5 showcased in this project and each time I walk down their corridor I am reminded of how amazing they are. Well done Year 5!



# A WEREWOLF AT BILLESLEY!

Something strange happened at the start of our Autumn Term in year 2. We spotted some curious footprints in the corridor! Who did they belong to? We decided to follow the footprints to find some clues. Then we heard some weird noises too. The howling was loud and it was coming from the classroom but when we looked there was nothing to be found. We decided it must have been a werewolf wandering around because there was a full moon during Halloween! It could have been the boy from 'A Werewolf Called Oliver James', the new story inspiring our writing this term.



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# ACTION CALENDAR: NEW WAYS NOVEMBER 2020



## SUNDAY

- 1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month
- 8 Find out something new about someone you care about
- 15 Go outside and do something playful - walk, run, explore, relax
- 22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them
- 29 Discover your artistic side. Design your own greeting cards

## MONDAY

- 2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way
- 9 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week
- 16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective
- 23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love
- 30 Look for reasons to be hopeful, even in difficult times

## TUESDAY

- 3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you
- 10 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"
- 17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself
- 24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently

## WEDNESDAY

- 4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community
- 11 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea
- 18 Connect with someone from a different generation
- 25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

## THURSDAY

- 5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel
- 12 Overcome a frustration by trying out a new approach
- 19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site
- 26 Tune in to a different radio station or TV channel

## FRIDAY

- 6 Give yourself a boost. Try a new way of being physically active
- 13 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way
- 20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before
- 27 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

## SATURDAY

- 7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire
- 14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about
- 21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them
- 28 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it



**"You never know what you can do until you try" ~ C. S. Lewis**



## ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



[www.actionforhappiness.org](http://www.actionforhappiness.org)

Learn more about this month's theme at [www.actionforhappiness.org/new-ways-november](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/new-ways-november)

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

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## Strike9T Wildcats Girls Football Centres from the FA

To inspire girls aged between  
5 - 11 to be involved in  
football.

S9T Wildcats Girls Football  
Centres provide girls with  
regular opportunities to play  
football and participate in  
organised sessions in a fun and  
engaging environment.

Sessions will be based at:  
**Moseley School Sports Centre**  
Returns from Saturday 12th  
September 2020



Just £10 per month

Saturdays @Moseley School  
Sports Centre  
10am- 11am  
Springfield Road B13 9NP

Reserve a place, email us at:  
[Info@strike9training.co.uk](mailto:Info@strike9training.co.uk)



## COMMUNITY FOOD BOX FRIDAY 8.30-10am

### @ The House

For further details ask Sarah Butler



## ASD PARENTAL SUPPORT SESSIONS

Tues 10 Nov 1-2.30pm for 6 weeks.  
*(you do not need to attend every one)*

Sessions run via Teams. A link will be sent to your  
email address and your mobile the day before

Run by Anne Seymour from the  
Communication and Autism team.  
Parenting support for children  
with ASD or ASD traits

Parent support in areas such as behaviour,  
sensory support, hygiene and time for you to  
talk about your concerns about your child.

For further information please speak to Sarah Butler and  
register your interest at the school office

I, ..... am interested in  
attending the course via Teams.

Email : .....

Mobile: .....

My child: ..... class.....







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## Food On Our Doorstep

### Good-quality food at a low price

Family Action has launched Food On Our Doorstep (FOOD) clubs in Birmingham to provide families with good-quality food at a low cost, while also reducing food waste.

It costs just £1 a year for your family to become a member. Once you've joined, you can purchase a bag of tasty food items every week worth approx. £15 for just £3.50!

To become a member you must live or work within 15 minutes of the club.

## Where and when

- Malachi, Billesley Ark, 725 Yardley Wood Road, Billesley, Birmingham, B13 0PT
- Time  
Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am  
Wednesdays 9.30am to 11.30am

## Find out more

To find out more, please email [birminghamfoodclubs@family-action.org.uk](mailto:birminghamfoodclubs@family-action.org.uk)



[www.family-action.org.uk](http://www.family-action.org.uk)

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# From Birmingham with Love



We've all been through a tough time with Covid-19 and lockdown. For many families it doesn't get easier during the summer holidays, which is why we're here to help. Here are some of our partners' most used services and support, which might make life a little bit easier...



1. **Online parenting course.** We've pre-paid for every parent in Birmingham to access a [parenting course](#). Just enter the access code "COMMUNITY" at the top of the page to claim. There are courses for parents, carers and grandparents of children from bump to 19. Learn about how your child develops, and get tips to manage their behaviour.



2. **Mental health support.** In these difficult times we have to look after our mental health. For young people aged 11-25 there are forums, guides and counselling available at [Kooth](#). If your child 0-25 needs support, get in touch with Pause by calling 0207 841 4470 or [email](#). Adults can get support from [MIND](#) by calling 0121 262 3555. Or for urgent help call [Forward Thinking Birmingham](#) on 0300 300 0099.



3. **Financial help.** If you've lost your job, or are struggling for food or rent there are services that can help. [Local welfare provision](#) can make a big difference if you are in a crisis and need food, fuel or basic white goods. [Discretionary Housing Payments](#) may be able to help with rent. And there are [food banks](#) across Birmingham that are here to help.



4. **Domestic abuse.** For women and children affected by domestic abuse please see [guidance](#) or confidentially contact [Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid](#). For Men, please contact [Respect](#).



5. **Problems with drugs or alcohol.** A new, discrete app called Staying Free is available on Android or Apple. Use the code "birmingham11" for pre-paid access. To speak to someone call [Change Grow Live](#).



6. **Bereavement support.** It's a terrible time to lose a loved one — you can get help by calling 0121 687 8010 or from [Cruse](#).



7. **Early help for families.** If anyone in your family needs more help, from public services or community groups, then please contact our [voluntary sector local leads](#). We have ten areas which can connect you to support across the city.

If you are worried about a child, please call Birmingham's Children's Advice and Support Service on 0121 303 1888. In an emergency, including child abuse, contact the Police on 999. You can also [chat](#) to the Police.

# COVID 19

## What you must do

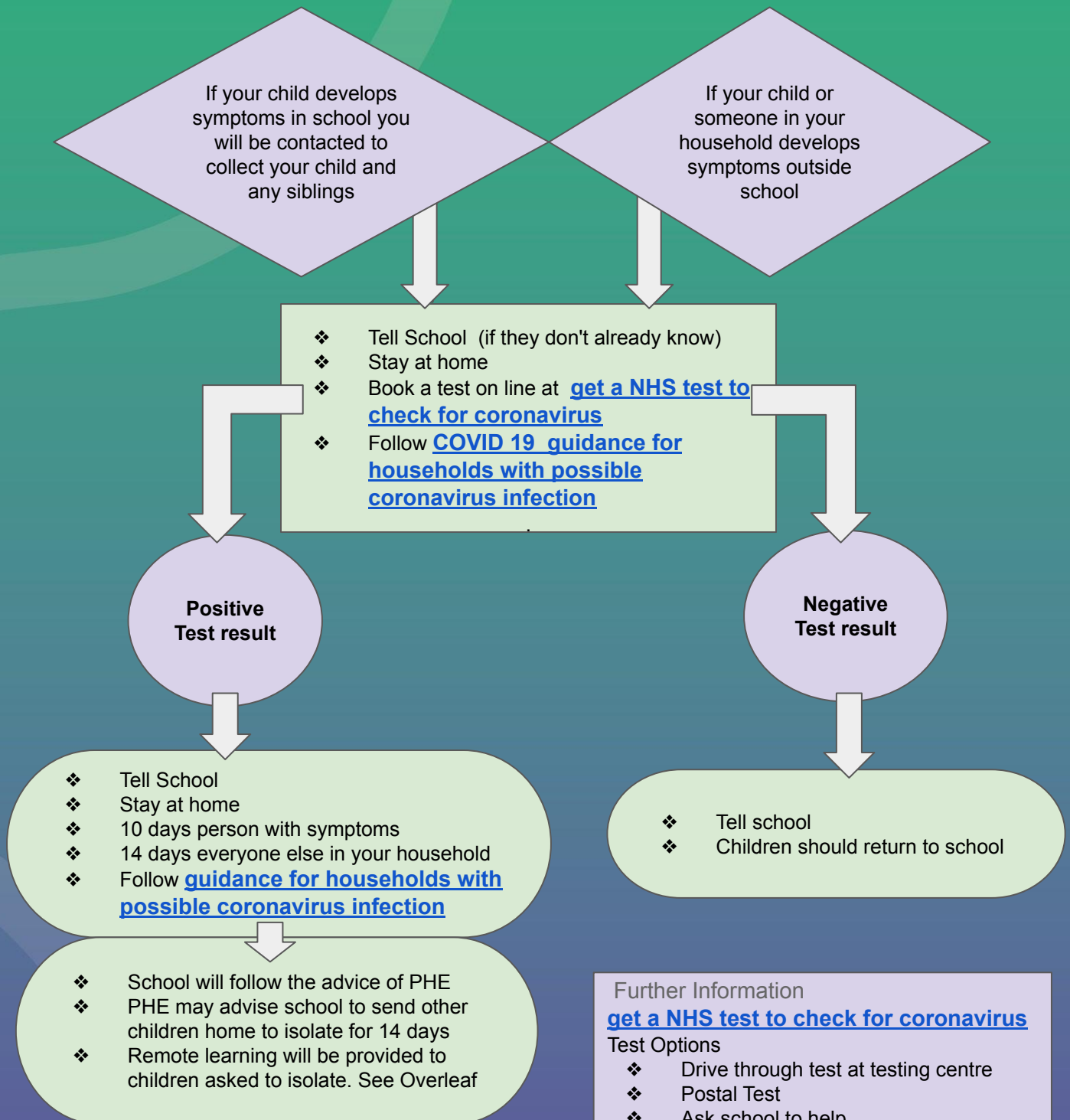
### Symptoms

- high temperature,
- repeated and persistent cough,
- loss of smell or taste.

For more information go to

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

**Do not send your child to school  
if they or anyone in your household have symptoms of COVID 19**



### Further Information

[get a NHS test to check for coronavirus](#)

#### Test Options

- ❖ Drive through test at testing centre
- ❖ Postal Test
- ❖ Ask school to help

See overleaf for more detailed information



# Getting a test

- Book a test as soon as possible <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- Order a home test kit if you can not get to a test site <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- If you are ordering a home test kit do it by 3pm
- **IF YOU NEED SUPPORT ORDERING A TEST, YOU MUST SPEAK TO THE SCHOOL**

## Test Centre

**You can get a test at a walk- in centre or by booking a test through the [NHS website](#)**

**You should avoid using public transport if you, or your child, are displaying symptoms of Coronavirus**

## Home Tests

- **YOU CAN ORDER A HOME TEST VIA** <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- **Guidance** on taking a home test is **included with the test**
- The test involves taking a swab of the inside of your nose and the back of your throat using a long cotton bud.
- Primary School children **must not** take the test themselves. It must be taken by a **parent, guardian or trusted adult.**
- **POST YOUR TEST IN A PRIORITY POSTBOX IF YOU CAN.** These have an NHS sticker on them: outside Pete's Pan/ Braceby Avenue/ outside Sweet Chillies restaurant/ Hullbrook Road.

must **NOT** return to school until

unless they have had a **negative** test

**REMOTE ACCESS LEARNING**