



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

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 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

WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER	EYFS PARENT PHONICS WORKSHOP MISS MADDOCK 9.30am MISS LIPPETT 1.30pm MR FORTEY 4.45pm Parents can join any webinar
MONDAY 7 DECEMBER	3C ASSEMBLY
MONDAY 14 DECEMBER	YEAR 4 PARENT WORKSHOP
W/C 14 DECEMBER	BOOK WEEK

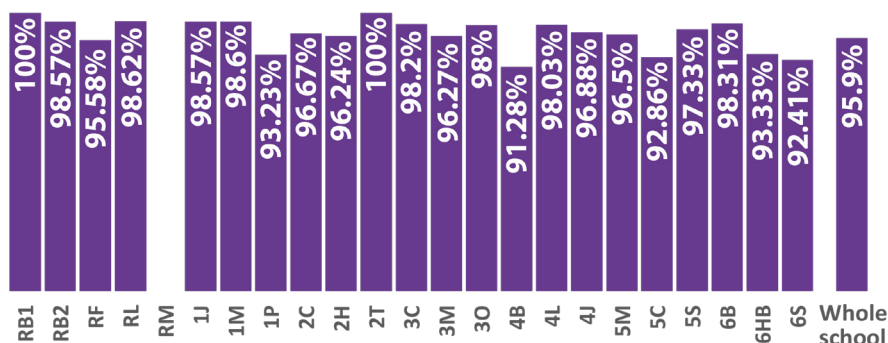
On Monday 14th December 2020 at 4:30pm, year 4 will be holding an online parent workshop to share information about the upcoming Multiplication Tables Check. This is a government statutory test that will take place before the end of year 4. Please reply to the invite with your preferred attendance.

Can you please make sure school has up to date addresses, phone numbers and contact details for your child. If you are unsure please check with the Reception Office where we will be happy to check for you. It is essential the school has up to date information.

ATTENDANCE

NO DAYS LOST	10 DAYS LOST	19 DAYS LOST	29 DAYS LOST THE SAME AS 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
GOOD Best chance of success - get your child off to a flying start	WORRYING Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to progress.		SERIOUS CONCERN COURT ACTION AND FINES		

Attendance W.C. 16 NOVEMBER 2020



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 SCHOOL CLOSED	TEACHER TRAINING DAY
MONDAY 19 APR 2021 SCHOOL CLOSED	TEACHER TRAINING DAY

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason	Mathematician of the week
RF	Aisha K	Aisha is an extremely kind and caring member of RF, she always puts her peers first, helping them before doing anything for herself. She has a heart of gold and all of RF treasure her!	Sofia L-P
RL	Fleur T	Fleur is our star of the week for consistently trying hard across all areas of learning, especially English and Maths. Her number formation has really developed and she makes sure all the numbers are formed the correct way. Well done Fleur.	Haider I
RM	Zafar J	Zafar is a real joy to teach. He is polite, hardworking and a great friend to everybody in RM. He comes into school everyday with a big smile on his face and usually has something exciting to show me. Zafar is a true star!	Ami S-B
1J	Aleeza T M	Aleeza has made huge progress in her writing. She is orally rehearsing her sentences before writing, ensuring she has included all words in her sentence. Aleeza even includes a capital letter and full stop! Keep it up Aleeza.	Noah A
1M	Kyra-Jai M	Kyra is a star this week because she is always so busy and focused during our free-flow learning time. She has been working hard to complete every single challenge in the classroom to a fantastic standard. Kyra has also shown that she can be a kind and considerate friend to each child in the class. Well done Kyra!	Eliza Z
1P	Fatima I	We love having Fatima in 1P! Fatima has a really positive attitude in class. She is always smiling and ready to learn. Fatimah has lots of friends who love spending time with her. Well done, Fatima!	Melai R
2T	Wilfred M	Wilf has shown tremendous enthusiasm this week when joining in with every lesson. He shares his ideas with confidence and can explain his ideas to others too. Wilf is also a fantastic friend to everyone in 2T which is amazing. Well done Wilf!	Arisha A
2H	Dilon F	Dilon has been fantastic this week! He has shown a great attitude to learning and demonstrates brilliant behaviour. He has followed instructions given to him and been extremely kind to his friends. Well done Dilon, we are so proud of you! Keep it up!	Betel A
2C	Anum A	Anum is an enthusiastic and imaginative learner. She really stood out this week with her fantastic ideas during our writing lessons and was able to plan a creative version of the story 'A Werewolf Named Oliver James'. I can't wait to read your finished story Anum. Well done!	Hajrah K
3C	Millie-Rose T	Millie-Rose is just an absolute star. She is sensible, kind and thoughtful. Millie comes to school with a smile on her face every day and always greets me so politely. She is concentrating and trying very hard in her Maths and Reading lessons which is fantastic to see. Keep being wonderful Millie - 3C really wouldn't be the same without you!	Harry D
3O	Fatimah E	Fatimah has been a shining star this week. I have loved watching her be resilient when tackling more difficult questions in her assessments this week. With your determination, you will go far Fatimah!	Mya K
3M	Danayt A	Danayt is always listening, always trying her best and always looking at ways to improve her work! We couldn't ask for anything more!	Mohammed H Y
4J	Lexi R	Lexi Robertson is a seriously determined young girl! She ALWAYS sits carefully and listens to exactly what she is being taught, she never gives up when presented with a challenge and is quite possibly the best artist that I have ever seen!	Charlie B
4B	Safana A	Safana is a super star with everything she does. If she does not understand something first time, it does not phase her. She tries her hardest every lesson and it never fails to impress me. Well done Safana, keep it up!	Romanie-Skye S
4L	Aylia A	What a fantastic attitude Aylia has in all of her lessons. She is always keen, enthusiastic and is developing a real thirst to grow her knowledge in everything we do. Keep up this positive attitude Aylia, you make me proud every day.	Cian S
5C	Deen H	Well done Deen for having a positive and enthusiastic attitude in class. You have produced some fantastic work. Keep it up!	Adarsh S
5S	Jesse G	Jesse has had a great week. He has been contributing so much in class discussions, persevering with his handwriting and really trying to take on board the advice he has been given to edit and improve his writing. Keep up this great attitude Jesse.	Sarah N
5M	Ismaeel Y	Ismaeel is a very sensible member of 5M and always works hard, but recently he has been trying even harder to make progress especially in writing and PE. Well done Ismaeel!	
6HB	Nazik M	Nazik is always a ray of positive sunshine in 6H! She consistently works hard and is beginning to have confidence in herself by always contributing in class discussions. This is particularly clear in her English work, as she has developed a great bank of vocabulary that she is using in her writing. Keep it up Nazik!	Jonathan B
6B	Sukainah A-R	Sukainah is an absolute joy to have in the classroom! She is full of curiosity, always tries her hardest and is a mature and caring member of 6B. She is doing absolutely brilliantly in Year 6, especially in writing where she is producing some fantastic work. Well done Sukainah!	Kaine L
6S	Zach H	Zach has impressed this week with his mature attitude both on the playground and in lessons. Zach's focus in maths is really showing and he is making great progress. He has also finished reading a whole novel this week and is making regular comments in his diary! A great week for Zach and I am sure he will make it a great half term!	Mahi K
RB	Xavier L	Xavier has been voted star of the week because he is such a brilliant friend! Xavier is amazing at getting the children together to play a game and have fun. He helps his friends to understand the rules, reminds them of how to play fairly, and loves to have a great time. He is an excellent role model and play leader.	Haris M B

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



From Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November, Year Four, and the rest of Billesley Primary School, took part in the National Anti Bullying week.

Why is it so important in the world in which we are living today, to come together and support each other?

The world is using more and more technology in their everyday lives for leisure; an increase in adults working from home and children completing school work online. (Earlier this year it was the only option for most.) It is crucial that we understand the significance of creating a welcoming online environment, as we do at Billesley Primary School, but also keeping ourselves safe online.

“Bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. But by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together.”

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk>

Year four explored what Cyberbullying is in particular and how it can have such a detrimental effect on our confidence and our mental health. It is crucial that we teach our children to speak up if we are in any way uncomfortable with anything that they are exposed to online, including comments, photographs and messages. Almost all children today have access to the internet and each child is at risk if they do not speak up or report anything that they find uncomfortable.



The children worked in small groups to consider how to turn somewhat negative comments that may be found on line in chat rooms; games, text messages, Whatsapp groups to name but a few, to create positivity. It was a thoroughly engaging week for all and we all now understand the importance of staying safe online.

If you need any further information, here are some useful websites that we as a year group found.

<https://www.bullying.co.uk/cyberbullying/what-is-cyberbullying/>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

THE MORE YOU ATTEND, THE MORE YOU CAN SPEND

Our NEW Attendance Shop

Well Done - Attendance is currently 96.27% (Covid related absence excluded).

If you have any concern or support needed for attendance please phone and ask for the Pastoral Team. We can normally help.

This academic year, 2020/21, we have a new reward system for attendance - an 'Attendance Loyalty card'. All children in school are issued with a card and will have access to their card to self register each day they are in school.

The way it works is, for every week that your child is in school every day with no late arrivals, they will receive a tick from their teacher. E.g if your child has been in every day and on time for the 6/7 week period (depending upon the length of the half term), they will earn maximum points and can choose any gift from the Attendance Shop.

If your child is absent or late it reduces the amount of points earned. This means when they attend the shop, although they will receive a gift, they will not have the same choice as those children that have attended school every day and therefore, earned maximum points. The children can also choose to save their points and save up for an even bigger gift!

We are sure that this great new initiative will be a huge success and we thank you for your ongoing support.



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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



www.family-action.org.uk

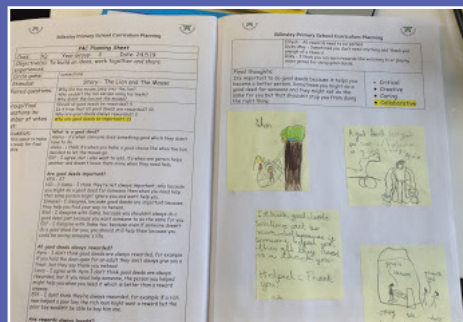
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HOW CAN P4C HELP TO DEVELOP YOU AS A GLOBAL CITIZEN?

Firstly, it is important to understand what a 'global citizen' is. A global citizen is someone who is aware of and understands the wider world – and their particular place in it. This is incredibly important for our children at Billesley Primary School as we are helping them to shape the roles that they will play in the future of the local community, and in turn the future of the world.



As a result of taking part regularly in P4C (Philosophy for Children) enquiries within the classroom, the children are being given the opportunity to develop all of these skills in a respectful and engaging manner. By exposing the children to a range of different stimuli and provocations they are all encouraged to think deeper about a wide range of relevant issues and challenge both the children and adults from within their class. At a time when there are many challenges being faced by young children, P4C teaches children to question, consider and share their own beliefs and opinions.

During these lessons, the students are given the opportunity to lead the discussion and choose the journey that it takes. The skills that they develop during these enquiries enables all of the children to be given a voice which they can use confidently to begin to make a positive difference.

By being a global citizen, the children can :

- Build their own understanding of world events.
- Think about their values and what's important to them.
- Take learning into the real world.
- Challenge ignorance and intolerance.
- Get involved in their local, national and global communities.
- Develop an argument and voice their opinions.
- See that they have power to act and influence the world around them.



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

Learn more about this month's theme at 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



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.....



**MAYPOLE FC'S
CUBS**

Football
Sessions for
your little
ones Learn &
Enjoy!

STARTS: Saturday 7th November
TIME: 10.00am – 11.00am
AGE: 4-6 Years Old
£3 Per Session
@ Maypole Football Club, B144JL
Contact: maypole.fc@outlook.com



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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

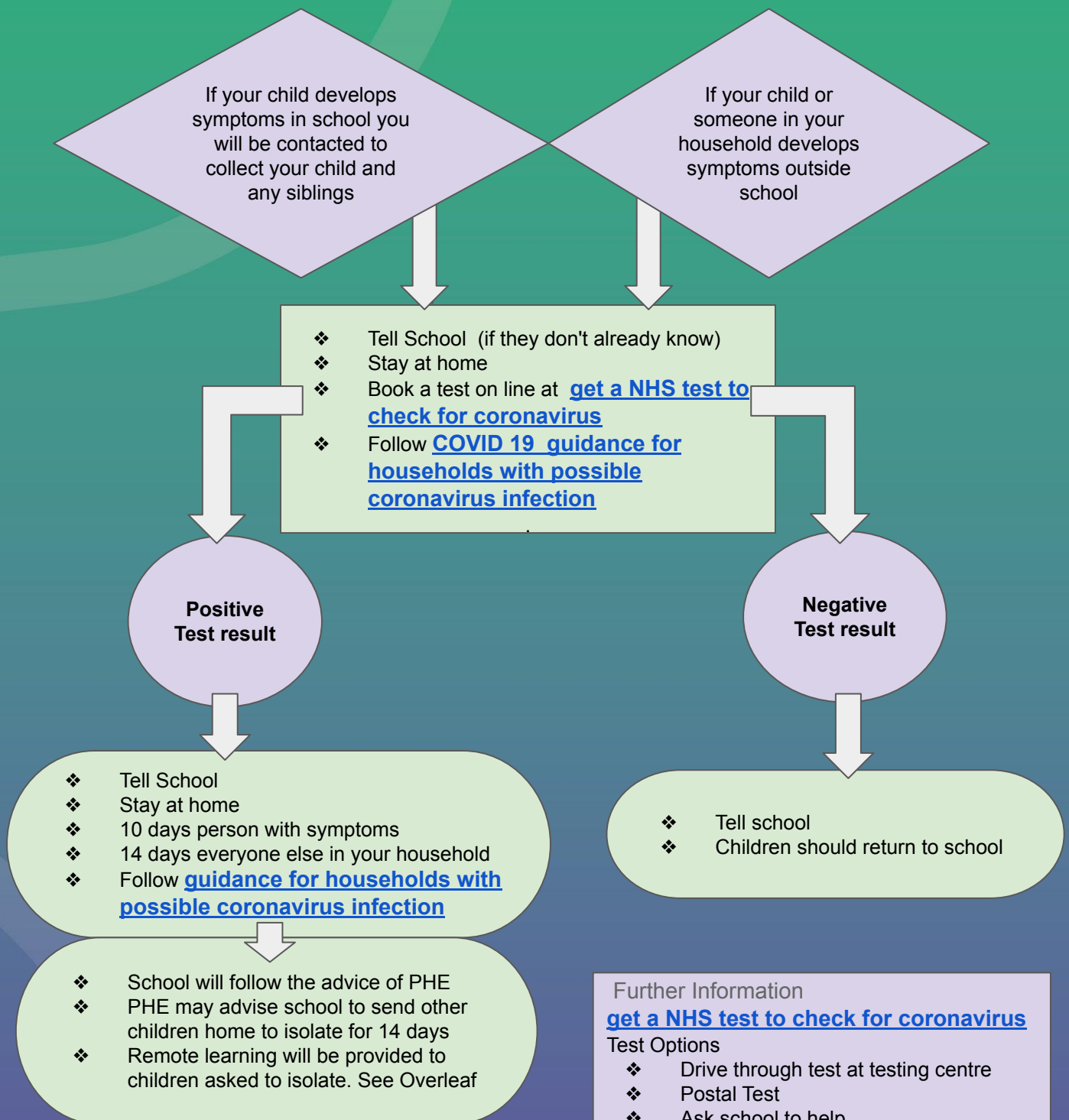
Symptoms

- 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

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