



CHRISTMAS DINNERS

If your child normally has sandwiches but would like to have a Christmas Dinner, please click [here](#) and fill out this order form. Last orders will be 12:00pm 8th December. Thank you.

TOY SALE

WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER
8.30am onwards
In the playground
Good quality second hand toys
ideal for Christmas presents

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



INSPIRE our children to succeed



CREATE excitement for learning



ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE

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

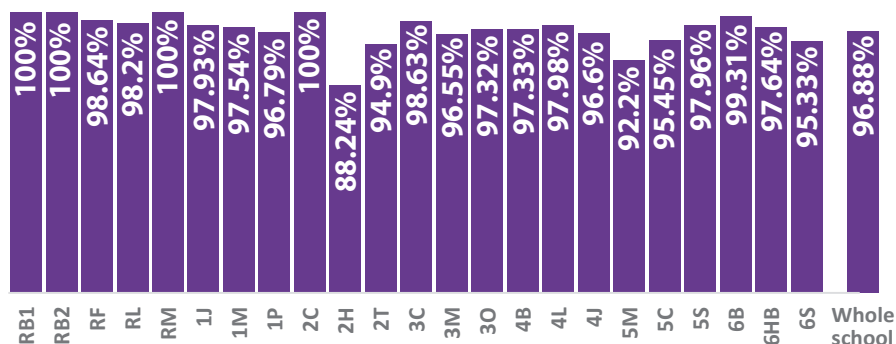
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Please note applications should be sent directly to the Admissions Office and NOT to school.

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. 23 NOVEMBER 2020



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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.

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

Christmas Events 2020

Here is a list of key dates and events, so that you can either take part (if applicable) or talk to your children about all of the exciting things that are taking place in school during the Christmas period. If you have any questions, please speak with your class teacher.

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 2nd December		EYFS parent webinar Miss Maddocks 9.30 Miss Lippett 1.30 Mr Fortey 4.45 Parents, we will send you a text inviting you to the online event on Tuesday 1st December.
Monday 7th December	9.15 - 9.45	3C Class Assembly 3C parents, we will send you out a text inviting you to the online event
Wednesday 9th December	7:45 - 10:15	Toy Sale for parents - in carpark In the case of bad weather, we will send you a text and reschedule for 10th or 11th December
Thursday 10th December	11:30 - 2:00	Christmas Dinner for children Unfortunately, parents are unable to attend this year. YN - Y2 and 3C 10th December. An order form has been sent. Please complete if you wish your children to have a Christmas dinner
Friday 11th December	11:30 - 2:00	Christmas Dinner for children Unfortunately, parents are unable to attend this year. 3M, 3O and Y4 - Y6 An order form has been sent. Please complete if you wish your children to have a Christmas dinner.
Friday 11th December	All day	Christmas Jumper day Please send in a £1 donation for The Red Tree Fund. You may send cash or pay on parentpay.
Monday 14th December	4:30 pm	Times table webinar for Y4 parents Y4 parents, we will text you an online invite 11.12.20
Monday 14th December	All week	Children will make Christmas cards and calendars
Monday 14th December	All week	Book week Children will enjoy Christmas poems and take part in a range of challenges
Monday 14th December	9:15 - 9:45	Reception Nativity Parents, we will send you a text on 11th December

		inviting you to the online event
Tuesday 15th December	2.00 - 2.15	Reception Nativity - online performance Parents, we will send you a text on 14th December inviting you to the online event
Wednesday 16th December	10.30 - 10.45 1.30 - 1.45	Y1 carols - online performance Parents, we will send you a text on 15th December inviting you to the online event.
Thursday 17th December	9:15 - 10:00	Star of the term EYFS - Y6 Parents, if your child is chosen as Star of the Term you will receive a text on Tuesday 15th inviting you to the online event.
Friday 18th December	9:30 - 10:30	Online Christmas celebration Unfortunately, parents are unable to attend this year.
Friday 18th December	After 10.30	Christmas class parties <u>School will provide food, please do not send food in with your children</u> Children can come to school in their party clothes
Friday 18th December	11:45: N RF 1J 1M 1P RB 11:50: RL RM 2C 2H 3O 3M 11:55: 6H 6B 6S 5S 12:00: 4L 4J 4B 12:05: 5M 5C 2T 3C	School finishes for the Christmas Break Please ensure you collect your children on time.

Children return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021



STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason	Mathematician of the week
RF	Jacob W	Jacob is a delight to have in the class, he is sensible, caring and hardworking. He has been working hard on his sentence writing and was able to write a perfect 'I am Jacob' sentence. Well done Jacob, keep up the amazing work.	Oakley B
RL	Saffiyah M	Saffiyah is our star of the week as her attendance has improved over the last term. As a result, she is now more willing to take part in Literacy lessons and becoming more confident with her writing. Keep up the good work Saffiyah.	Mikaeel K
RM	Luke P	I have chosen Luke for my star of the week for his improved attendance. Luke has come to school everyday with a positive attitude towards his learning. Keep it up!	Haris K
1J	Lucas P	Raees has been working really hard in his writing lessons. He remembers to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. He uses all his phonics knowledge and is beginning to make his writing more interesting and exciting with adjectives.	Raees S
1M	Zinab A	We are so lucky to have Zinab in our class because she works hard all of the time. She is so focused when completing different tasks, and is always keen to try new challenges. She is a kind and caring member of the class. Well done Zinab!	Scarlett N
1P	Lexi-Lou G	Lexi is a superstar! She is so keen to improve her learning by challenging herself in provision. Lexi is always happy and a good friend to all.	Lenny-Junior B
2T	Aahid S	Aahid is such a thoughtful individual and is also very creative. In English this week we have been creating our final narrative about Oliver James and he chose to turn him into a strange monster. Well done Aahid for working so hard in all of your subjects.	Alexis D
2H	Emily S-R	Emily is a pleasure to have in 2H. She has really impressed us this week when doing multiplication in maths. She was able to draw arrays to help her to get the answers to the number sentences. Emily has also been working extremely hard with her spellings this week and has been practising them both at home and in school. Well done Emily.	Seerat A
2C	Jaxson J	Jaxson has really impressed his teachers this week with his positive attitude towards his learning! He has tried hard in his lessons especially maths where he has been confidently solving multiplication problems. Keep up the great work Jaxson!	Aisha M
3C	Evelyn Y	Evelyn I am so delighted to choose you as Star of the Week this week. Evelyn has shown great passion in her narrative writing at every stage; planning, rehearsing and writing. She has also inspired her friends with her ideas. Evelyn is so polite and continues to always make me smile! Thank you Evelyn.	Zayan A
3O	Keira-Leigh R	Keira is just an all round superstar in our class. She puts 100% into everything she does and she is Billesley's star sprinter! Well done, Keira. Keep it up.	Dhiren S
3M	Mikayeel K	Mikayeel has settled in well to Billesley and made friends. He loves to share his knowledge and we have noticed how hard he works. We're delighted to be inspired by him!	Laila C
4J	Leya B	Leya is always so happy and full of excitement for all of her school work! Keep up the positive attitude!	Umar A
4B	Wing W	Wing is an incredibly interested young scientist. Every week Wing impresses us with his scientific knowledge. This week he was so inspired by our sound topic that he created his own instrument at home to show us all. Well done Wing, your passion for learning is contagious!	Mahfood M
4L	Muhammed Ismaeel U-H	Ismaeel is just an all round superstar. He is trying so hard and is making such amazing progress. He is always enthusiastic and keen to learn. Well done Ismaeel, keep up the hard work.	Fiza Z
5C	Syed A	Hardi has really impressed me with his enthusiasm for learning this week. Each and every lesson, Hardi always tries his hardest, actively listens and contributes thoughtfully. Not only has he been working hard in school, but he has also been working hard with his maths at home. Keep up the great work!	Shania S
5S	Batool M	Batool is working so hard in lessons. As a fairly new pupil, she has made some lovely friendships in the class. She is also persevering with learning a new language. I am so proud of the progress she is making.	Lucy T
5M	Louis O	Louis is a cheerful, polite member of our class and I am so pleased to be teaching him. He has come back to school and applied 100% effort in all of his work. Thanks Louis.	Umair B
6HB	Adhara P	We have had test week here in Year 6 and Adhara has shone throughout the whole week with her hard work, maturity and effort in the face of many different challenges. Keep it up Adhara!	Zakariya M
6B	Inayah S	Inayah is absolutely smashing Year 6 at the moment. This week, we have been doing tests as well as writing assessments and she has given her all to each and everything. Well done for your focus and resilience Inayah. Mrs Owen and I and really proud of you!	Ellie-Mae W
6S	Anisia-Maria T	Anisia has worked so hard during test week this week and has made excellent progress! She has impressed myself and Mr.Tyler and done it all with a smile on her face! Well done Anisia! Keep it up and you will be very successful this year!	Yusuf H
RB	Harry L	An incredibly positive week from Harry. He has been focussed, engaged in his learning and polite and kind to everyone in RB. It's been a fantastic week!	Pola N

YEAR 5

Year 5 has been very busy this term settling back into school and working extremely hard. We have learnt so much about the Industrial Revolution, Our City - Birmingham, Living Things and Materials, that we are bursting with knowledge.

Our pupils were shocked at the treatment of people in factories during the industrial era.

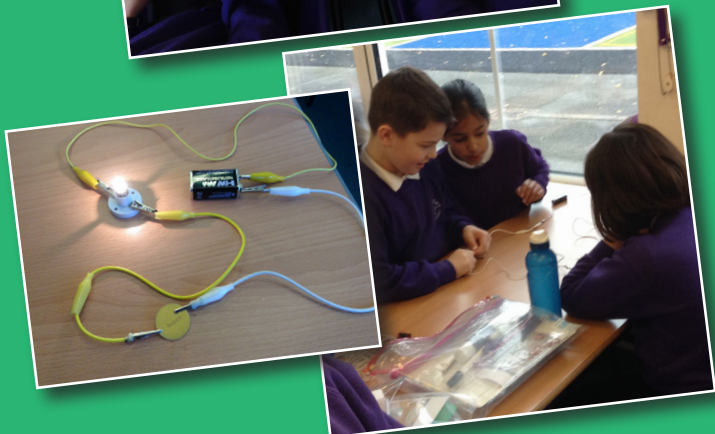
“Before the Industrial Revolution people used canals, but then they used steam trains because they were faster, and they could deliver more materials.” *Tia 5S.*

We have thoroughly enjoyed going on virtual trips each week to explore our city, and learn all about its features.

“I was surprised by the amount of cars on Kings Heath high street, because of all the pollution. I think it’s a good idea that they are trying to reduce traffic in the area by blocking the roads.” *Tatianna 5M.*

In science we have investigated materials and their properties, in particular thermal conductors and electrical conductors.

“I enjoyed testing materials to find the best thermal insulator, and we found that plastic was the best at keeping our lunch cool in our lunch boxes.” *Hassan 5C.*



HISTORY

This term has been an exciting term for history. Many of our year groups have been studying new and exciting topics.

Year two have been learning all about inspiring women throughout history. From Rosa Parks to Malala Yousafzai our children have delved deep into the struggles and triumphs of many women from the past and explored how these brave heroines have shaped the future and the world we live in today. We just know that Billesley’s young ladies are going to go on to be just as inspiring!

Last half term, Year five went on to celebrate the history of Birmingham with a focus on the Industrial Revolution. During this topic, the children explored the important role Birmingham played within the Industrial revolution and discovered the changes that took place within our City. We couldn’t believe that children had to work in factories and workhouse in such awful conditions- we’ll definitely just stick to school for now!



YEAR 3 TENNIS

During PE this half term, we have been learning about Tennis in Year 3. We have been focusing on controlling the ball and experimenting with racket skills. We are beginning to work on rallies. We started by practising this skill on our own against a wall and we are now moving on to develop this by working with a partner and challenging ourselves to keep a rally going! We are developing our hand-eye coordination during these lessons.



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KINDNESS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2020



MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Share the Kindness Calendar with others and spread kindness

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

4 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

5 Make a gift for someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

6 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

7 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

11 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

12 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Practice gratitude. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Give away something that you have been holding on to

19 Buy locally and support independent shops near you

20 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

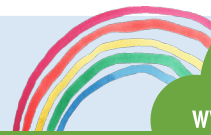
31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2021

Let's look beyond our differences and help each other. Every act of kindness matters



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

#DoGoodDecember



www.actionforhappiness.org

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/do-good-december

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

5 steps to a healthy tasty packed lunch!

STEP 1: Choose your starchy food + a source of protein

Starchy food: Bread, Wrap, Pita, Bagel, Pasta, Noodles, Chapatti, Rice, Potatoes

Sources of protein: Kidney beans, Chicken, Mackerel, Eggs, Beef, Tofu, Ham, Turkey, Tuna

STEP 2: Add some salad and for a side portion of vegetables

Grated carrot or carrot sticks, Sugar snap peas, Pepper sticks, Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Sweetcorn, Onion, Rocket, Celery

STEP 3: Choose something sweet ... fruit!

Tinned pineapple in juice, Tinned peaches in juice, Apple, Grapes, Raisins, Kiwi, Banana, Mango, Melon, Dried apricots

STEP 4: Add a nutritious snack and/or some dairy

Crackers with hummus, Small plain or fruit cakes, Bread sticks and dip, Portion of cheese, Fromage Frais, Nuts or seeds, Rice pudding, Fruit loaf, Yoghurt

STEP 5: WATER!

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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

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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

SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR

December 2020



Parent/Carer Webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Please see the local offer website for further details. Each webinar should last approximately one hour and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

Speech & Language Therapy

Top Tips for Talking

Speakers: Victoria Caulfield, Speech & Language Therapist, and Leona Blake, Speech & Language Therapist

Tuesday 8th December- Early Years 0-5 years

Wednesday 9th December- Primary Age 5-11 years

Tuesday 8th December at 2.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/salt-top-tips-for-talking-suitable-for-early-years-children-tickets-130235005407>

Wednesday 9th December at 10.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/salt-top-tips-for-talking-suitable-for-primary-age-children-tickets-130255322175>





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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

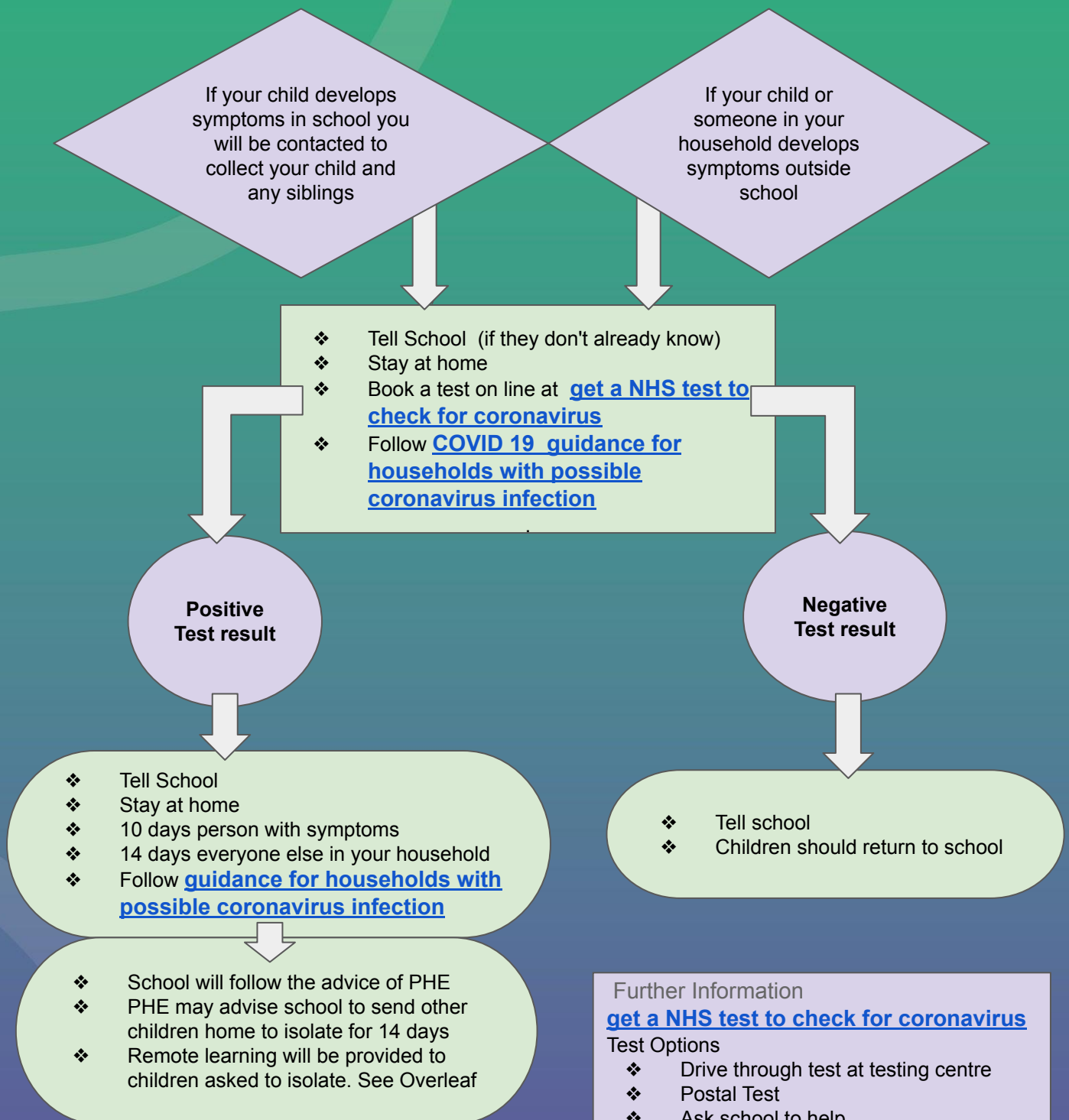
Symptoms

- 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