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Wednesday 14th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Can I remind Parents that should you or your child have a **high temperature/repetitive cough/ a loss of taste or smell** then you **MUST** get a Covid-19 test and isolate your household.

You can book a test via the government website. See link: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

I have again attached the guidelines around testing and isolation. It is vital that everyone adheres to these government guidelines to keep everyone safe within our school. Please inform the school immediately should your child have symptoms (high temperature / repetitive cough/loss of taste and smell). **DO NOT LEAVE AN ANSWER PHONE MESSAGE FOR THIS PURPOSE BUT SPEAK TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN PERSON.**

Should any child present unwell in school with symptoms of a high temperature/ repetitive cough/loss off taste and smell- we will send both them and their sibling's home immediately.

Our school community is amazing and I know how you all want to work with us at school to keep everyone safe and the school open. Communication is key to cracking this and I ask for families to be open and transparent in liaising with the school. I know that this may cause some disruption to families short term however it will help to keep the school from having to close.

All conversations with the school regarding this will be treated in strictest confidence.

Thank you.

Warm Regards,

Sarah Annette

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Well done to our Rivington Remarkables – what an amazing achievement!



- ❖ **Reception: Freddie M. – for demonstrating resilience in phonics and maths last week.**
- ❖ **Y1: Olivia B – showing resilience in her maths.**
- ❖ **Y2: Ava D – showing resilience with her handwriting.**
- ❖ **Y3: Leyton Bowden – Reciprocity – sharing information about London.**
- ❖ **Y4: Quincey Dakin – for working hard and showing resilience – always having a question to ask.**
- ❖ **Y5: Ike Edwards – for showing tremendous resilience and resourcefulness in his writing.**
- ❖ **Y6: Karsten Taylor and Malachi Taylor – for reflecting on their writing and always doing their best to improve it.**



Harvest: Thank you to everyone who brought in food donations which are being donated to Living Waters Food Bank, Chorley. In normal circumstances, we would have been inviting parents to join in our celebrations. We would have also allowed some children to take the

food donations to Living Waters, following our Harvest Celebration Assembly, as it is important for the children to see where the food they bring into school goes. Unfortunately, this year we could not facilitate this lovely experience. Thank you to everyone and bless your generosity - it is greatly appreciated.

Road Markings/Double Yellow lines outside of school: Please can parents forward their concerns regarding the approved road markings to:

keith.iddon@lancashire.gov.uk

phil.durnell@lancashire.gov.uk

Our local Councillor Kim Snape, who has done a wonderful job in supporting school, would also like to be copied into any concerns you express to both Keith Iddon and Phil Durnell at:

kim.snape@chorley.gov.uk

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Restart a Heart Day
16 October 2020



Re-Start a Heart: In order to mark the Resuscitation Council UK's 're-Start a Heart' day on Friday, our children in KS2 will be taking part in some 'First-Aid' training provided by St John's Ambulance. This is part of the new PSHE curriculum that becomes statutory next year. The first part of their training will be 'Calling for Help'. As a school, we all recognise the life-changing content these course will offer our children.

Sirenhead: School has been made aware of a number of children discussing and playing 'Sirenhead' and in-turn scaring one another and other children. After investigation, it appears that 'Sirenhead' is an online horror game whose content is very disturbing. As always, we recommend that Parents be in the same room as their children when they are on their devices and that all parents put in place the necessary security and checks to ensure that their children are not exposed to such content. Please contact school if you have any further information regarding this.

Parents Evening: Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, we will be unable to host our normal 'Parents' Evening'. At Rivington we pride ourselves in our communications with parents. This term class teachers will be sharing their parent evening comments via Zoom. We will be holding a virtual parents evening spread over a four-day period: **Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th November (Y5/6 3rd -5th)**. This will replace our normal parents' evening, which we have had to adapt due to social distancing restrictions. We are excited to be able to connect with you virtually and share in your child's learning journey. Please see Teachers2Parents in order to make an appointment or contact the school office.

Before booking, please make sure you have read and understood the 'parent disclaimer' and the 'joining instructions' for Zoom.

ONLINE BOOKING OPENS: 12pm on Thursday 8th October 2020

ONLINE BOOKING CLOSES: Thursday 22nd October 2020.

If you do not have access to a computer, tablet or smartphone, please contact Mrs. Townsend in the school office who will assist you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- You will need to repeat the booking process for each child, if you have a child in more than one year or more than one child in a single year.

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- You need to be quick, appointments as ever are booked on a first come, first served basis.
- If you need to Zoom with more than one teacher, please do not book appointments back to back.
- If you are no longer able to attend your appointment, please contact Mrs. Townsend in the office who will cancel the booking and make the appointment available for someone else. The teachers and I look forward to sharing your child/rens progress with you.

Lancashire Family/Adult Learning: Now the autumn term is well under way we thought we would share some of Lancashire's FREE wider family learning courses for families. These are all online; take place after school and all families need to take part is a tablet or laptop and internet connection. Parents can enrol directly via the links below. Some of the courses they have running this half term are:

Let's Engineer: Tues 20th Oct 4pm

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=7944

Family Yoga: Thurs 22nd Oct 3:30pm

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=9452

What Parents Need to Know About Persuasive Design: National Online Safety have produced an online safety guide on persuasive design. Social Media can be really addictive, and sites want to keep users on their platforms for as long as possible.

Birthday Sweets: If your child would like to share birthday sweets with their class, please could we ask that the sweets are brought into school at least 72 hours before their birthday. We are unable to share items with other children within the 72 hour period. Thank you for your co-operation.

Spring Bulbs: We are wanting the plant some lovely spring bulbs within school. If anyone has any they would like to donate (especially Snowdrops) please let the school office know. All donations would be gratefully received. Thank you.

Reporting an Illness: If your child is poorly please contact the school to let us know as soon as possible and keep us updated. It is important that when leaving a message that all parents/carers please inform us of the reason/symptoms for the absence. If a Parent/Carer is reporting a positive test result can you, please speak to

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the office rather than leave a message. This week we have sent all parents/carers a useful 'COVID-19 Quick Guide' and key question responses to help if you may suspect your child has COVID-19 symptoms and what action to take. We are very appreciative for all our families taking these necessary precautions and helping to continue to keep our children, our staff and our families safe and well. Thank you.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations: Children in all year groups will be entitled to a flu vaccination in school on Wednesday 25th November. Consent forms will be sent out to all pupils nearer the time.

Open Day: At this time of year, we usually invite prospective parents into school to view school for admissions for the next academic year. Unfortunately, we are not able to run the open days as we normally would, but we obviously still want to give prospective parents as much information about our school as we possibly can. We have created a couple of promotional films – one of which is now live on the school website: Rivington Website.

There is also lots of information on our Twitter page and in our weekly newsletters, all of which can also be accessed via our school website.

Zoom welcomes for prospective parents are available on **Wednesday 4th and the 11th November from 5:00-6:00pm**. Please contact the school office in order to access these.

School Admissions: Primary and Secondary applications can be made on line and you should clearly state 3 preferences for your child. If you are applying to a church school, there is a supplementary form, which needs to be completed.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSSIONS - The closing date for Secondary School Admissions is 31st October 2020.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSSIONS - The closing date for Primary School Admissions is 15th January 2021. For information about our admissions criteria, please visit the school website.

Many thanks,

The Rivington Team