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Dear Parents/Carers,



It's wonderful to know that today we have reached the end of home learning (Hooray!) and we are all really looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday. I have to say that we are all very excited - we hope the children are very excited - and we are sure our parents are very excited too! We would like to congratulate you all – to thank our parents for all you have accomplished with your children during this time and also to give thanks to all the staff for their hard work and dedication to supporting our families.

The lockdown has created many challenges for us all and we now look forward to a return closer to 'normality'. Earlier in the week, we sent information regarding our return to school on Monday. Obviously, the health and safety of our school community is our main priority. As there will be more parents around school, **please try to maintain 2m distance at all times and wear a face covering when dropping off/collecting your children.**

There may be some disruption as we move forward – particularly with increased testing - but we hope this will be kept to a minimum, especially if we all continue to apply HANDS, FACE SPACE.

Please remember if your child displays any symptoms over the weekend please do not send them into school on Monday and notify us via email to head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk or bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk



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Happy Birthday: Matilda (EYFS) and Jessica (Y6).

This Week/World Book Day: As we welcome the children back this week, we have a range of activities to ensure their smooth return including a slightly delayed 'World Book Day!'

We have carefully planned the first week to ensure that the children have a fun filled return to normality. School will be much the same as before the lockdown. They will work in their class bubbles with consistent staff who know and understand their individual needs.

When the children first arrive in school they will have a gentle introduction to mindfulness and well-being activities, this could be colouring, listening to music or some simple chair based yoga. They will then have their normal morning lessons – Maths, English, Phonics or PE. The afternoons will focus on creative topics as they become accustomed to the school day once again.

On Friday 12th March, our delayed 'World Book Day' will take place with the children being invited to wear a colour of the rainbow or their favourite story character.

We could not be more proud: Well done to Martha (Y3) and Tilly (EYFS) They both entered an online dance competition during half-term, with their dance school. They picked their own song, choreographed their own dance and picked their own outfit! We all know that both girls love their gems and glitter!. Martha was thrilled to find out that she had won her category. Their certificates and awards were delivered on Friday - we have two very happy girls and one extremely proud Headteacher and school!



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Asymptomatic Testing: Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests .
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

Our nearest collection site is: **Woodlands Conference Centre Car Park, Southport Rd, Chorley PR71QR**

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

For more details visit

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other. If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Bikeability – Y5/6: Year 5/6 will be taking part in the Bikeability programme on 28th and 29th June. Further information and consent forms will be sent out shortly. Video introduction to Bikeability –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YjLpLuX8naE>

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Red Nose Day is back on Friday 19th March and this year it's never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives. We need the power of funny to turn laughs into lasting change. On the 19th March, children can dress up as their superhero whether it is Wonder Woman, a footballer, Spiderman or even their own made up superhero or they can wear anything red and of course wear red noses.

We also want to put together a whole school video with the theme of SMILING. If possible, please could you send in a photograph of your child/children laughing and smiling. We will then put this together to share with our children and families on Red Nose Day. Please send to bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk by Friday 12th March.

We are not asking for £1 to be brought into school this year but we do have a Just Giving page where parents are free to donate to if they wish. We do not want to put any family under any pressure to donate during these difficult times. If you would like to make a donation, please click on the link.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rivington-foundation-primary-s-rednoseday21>

Easter Events: Please see the letter attached regarding Easter Events in school on the week beginning



[SCIENCE WEEK](#) – Follow the link for more information



Junior Bake Off: For those of you who have enjoyed Mrs. Hodgkinson's baking during lock-down, applications have opened for the 7th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. They are looking for young budding bakers between 9 -15 years old. Filming would take place from July 2021, but the applications close on Sunday 28th March 2021. Interested bakers can apply online at -

<https://junior.take-part.co.uk/>

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*****Issued on behalf of the Lancashire Resilience Forum***.**

Lancashire's top health experts are urging residents to get a Covid-19 test if they are concerned about their health – even if they aren't showing the classic symptoms.

The three main symptoms of Covid are a high temperature, a persistent cough or a loss of smell or taste. But there are other symptoms that have been reported by people who have tested positive, such as a persistent headache and diarrhoea.

You can read the other symptoms on the [World Health Organisation website](#)

Up to a third of people have no symptoms at all, but are still infectious. Lancashire's three directors of public health are calling on anyone who is worried they may have coronavirus to book a test through the NHS website.

They are being backed by the Lancashire Resilience Forum, which brings together public bodies including Lancashire's councils, police, fire, and health to lead the county's response to the emergency.

Angie Ridgwell, chair of the LRF said: "If you're concerned that you're feeling unwell and are unsure whether you have Covid, then please get a test, so that we can help to reduce the spread of infection in Lancashire.

"We know that some people have been testing positive without showing the usual three symptoms, so it's really important to keep following the guidance, get a test and keep yourself safe.

"Rates are still high in parts of Lancashire. It will take time to get people vaccinated, so we must keep working together to reduce the spread of the virus."

You can book a free test by calling 119, [book online at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or through [the government's NHS Covid app](#).

When you are booking a test, if you don't have the classic symptoms, simply say you don't.

A few clicks later on the website, you can then choose the option which says: "My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms"

Targeted rapid testing for people without symptoms, particularly for key businesses, is also currently taking place in the county.

Support is available for people who need to stay at home after a positive test. [Find out more on the NHS website](#)