



# Millbrook Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach another holiday, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all your support over the last term and the last year.

This week has marked the first anniversary of the first lockdown and has been a week of reflection. This has been a very difficult year for everyone in our school community. We have all been affected one way or another by coronavirus and the impact will continue to be felt for some time.

As the country begins to rebuild, we will do the same as a school community. We look forward to working with you to support your children.

Happy Easter!

Thank you

Mrs Danielle Warren

## Easter Catch up

Last week, we mentioned that we would be setting some revision tasks for children to complete over the Easter break. The tasks are being set on Google Classroom. The children are very familiar with this platform as they have been using it in their computing lessons over the past three weeks. The children's usernames and passwords are in their planners.

The tasks are, of course, optional but we would encourage children to engage with as many of the activities as they can. Class teachers have spent time identifying areas of the remote learning that children may have found most difficult or in which they need further explanation and have set activities to revise these. Most of the activities require the children to watch a short video, take part in exercise, complete a quiz, complete a

## Class Assemblies

We will let you know as soon as we are able to resume these.

## P.A.T.H

Please remember to use PATH meetings to speak to the class teacher. (Parent/Carer and Teacher Hours) every Monday from 3.30pm until 5.30pm.

Telephone appointments can also be made during this time to meet with Senior Leaders of the school.

Although we are unable to meet you in person at the moment, we are always happy to speak with you on the phone. We care about your children and want to work with you to get it right.

To make an appointment with the class teacher, please phone or email the school office.

Don't forget that each class has its own email account. If you would like to email your child's class teacher, the email address is the class name followed by @millbrookjuniors.co.uk. E.g. Galileo class email address is [Galileo@millbrookjuniors.co.uk](mailto:Galileo@millbrookjuniors.co.uk)

If you have a complaint, please make sure you follow the school Complaints Policy which can be found on the school website.

short activity etc. They are not designed to take too much time to complete or require input from adults at home. Most activities will take less than half an hour.

This is not the same as the remote learning your children were completing during the closure of the school. As the children have only just settled back into their routines and learning behaviours, we don't want them to lose that over the break, so if you can encourage them to do any of the activities, that would be great. Activities have not been set over any weekends or bank holidays.

## Red Nose Day

Last week, our school celebrated Red Nose Day 2021. Everyone looked great dressed in red and thanks to your donations, we managed to raise a total of £288.50. This money will be sent in to Comic Relief to help people who are living tough lives across the UK and internationally. Well done everyone!



## Remote Learning

After Easter, the remote learning will no longer be available on the website. All future remote learning will be set on Google classroom. If your child's bubble is closed, they will need to log on to Google classroom when they get home where they will be able to access all their learning.

## One Minute Silence

On Tuesday at midday, we stopped to observe the national minute's silence. It gave us an opportunity, as a school, to reflect on the difficult year we have all endured.

## Newsletters

During the 'closure' of the school, we decided to send a weekly newsletter to keep you informed and up to date with what was happening here in school. Now that all the children have returned and settled, we will return to fortnightly newsletters. Our next newsletter will be 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

## Track and Trace over the Easter break

If your child becomes unwell with coronavirus symptoms over the Easter break, please arrange a test as you would normally do. If your child receives a positive result during the holiday, you must contact us through the school website to let us know as we have to engage with Test and Trace to contact other families whose child may also need to self-isolate if they have been a contact while in school. Please make sure you are checking your emails and notifications regularly in case we have contacted you. This is important.

If you access a test during the holiday, your child must only return to school once you have advised us of a negative result or if positive, completed an isolation period. If you are unsure as to whether your child should return to school or not, please contact the school office for further advice.

## Don't forget - Lateral Flow Testing

**Primary aged children should not be testing as part of this programme.**

From 1 March 2021, if you are a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of a staff member or a pupil, you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone aged 18 or over can collect. You can check online if the location is busy before you go.

[Click here to find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

If you cannot get tested at your workplace or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

**Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods.** This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

[Click here to order rapid lateral flow home test kits.](#)

## What twice-weekly testing involves

You will be asked to do the following:

- take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart)
- report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test
- Report your test result online or by calling 119

If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and adhere to the following guidelines:

- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test to confirm the result
- follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. This does not, however, guarantee that you do not have coronavirus so you should keep following all coronavirus advice which includes the following:

- regular handwashing
- social distancing
- wearing a face covering where recommended

## Important Reminder – Symptoms and Testing

In order to ensure that the school remains the safest possible environment for the children and staff, and that the risk of transmission is reduced, we all need to ensure that we follow the latest government guidance. We all need to help to decrease the disruption that the virus causes to education through the closure of bubbles.

It is really important that we all keep up to date with the latest guidance and that you do not send your child into school when they should be isolating. **You must self-isolate immediately if any of the following apply:**

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- you have tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus
- **you live with someone who has symptoms or who has tested positive**
- **someone in your support bubble has symptoms or has tested positive**
- you are told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app
- you arrive in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk – see GOV.UK: [how to self-isolate when you travel to the UK](#)

If anyone in your household or support bubble has any symptoms of Coronavirus, the **whole household must self-isolate** and the person who has the symptoms **must** get a test. **Please do not send your child into school if anyone in your household has symptoms. If you are not sure, ring us and we can advise you accordingly.**

**If we send your child home because they have shown symptoms of coronavirus while in school, we will not accept your child back into school unless you have supplied us with the results of a PCR coronavirus test or completed the ten day isolation period. We all have a duty to do the right thing to ensure the safety of everyone in our school community.**

We do recognise that this can be very difficult for families but it is important that we all do the right thing to keep everyone safe.

## Regular notes:

**Attendance:** Please remember that schools are not allowed to authorise holiday in term times. Leave of Absence forms should be completed. There is no entitlement to leave during term time and it will only be approved under exceptional circumstances which need to be explained and evidence produced. Failure to comply with this will mean a referral to the Local Authority which may result in a fine and court action. Please refer to the school attendance policy which is available from the school office and on the school website. Thank you in supporting us to ensure your children have every opportunity for success in their education.

**Safeguarding:** If you have any concerns about the welfare of any child in our school, or you wish to discuss aspects of safeguarding, please speak with our Designated Safeguarding Lead or one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. Alternatively contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0300 126 1000.

