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School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

This week we have welcomed 12 children into our reception class. They have all settled in so well into Class Bray. We have loved seeing them become part of the school and welcome them to our Bratton family. We have enjoyed seeing all their comments and photos on Tapestry, reception pupil's online learning journal. We have also welcomed new children into class Torridge, Taw and Lyn.

We are very excited for the WOW day next Tuesday. The children are looking forward to all the activities planned.

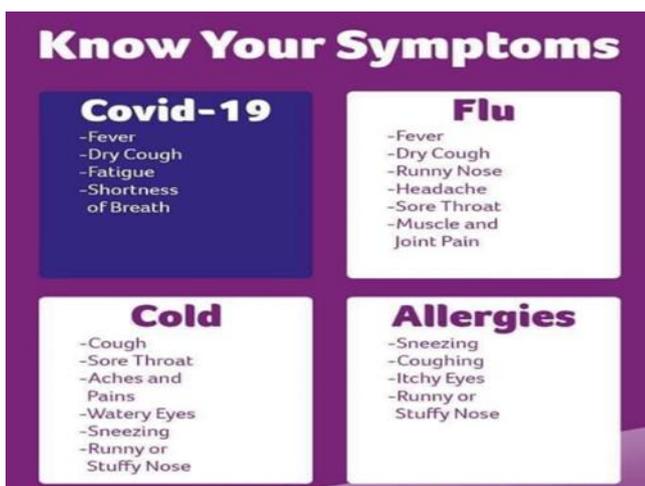
I want to thank so many parents and families for their support and kind words as we have worked so hard to provide the very best reopening of school for your children. It has been a very busy and unusual time for all school staff and I think we have all managed well.

Your children have been amazing and have settled into school life remarkably well – in fact most children have been saying how they're loving being back and missed school during lockdown.

The kitchen at Bratton is now being run under Ventrus, our multi academy trust. Mrs Tapp, our kitchen manager is really enjoying being part of Ventrus and is providing delicious hot meals every day.

Children's wellbeing

We are expecting children to get colds and potentially Flu now that we are back in school. These are to be expected and we are aware that in the current climate these illnesses may cause additional anxiety.

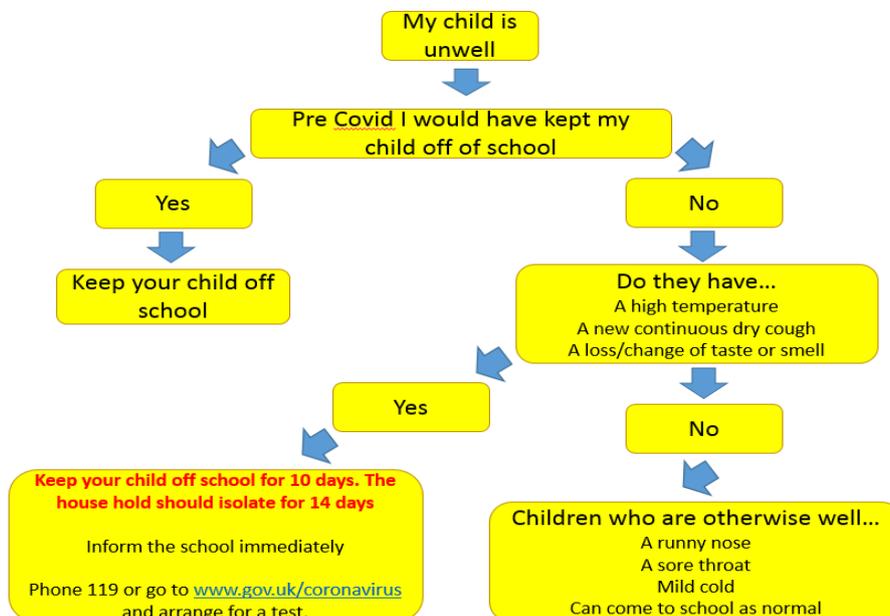


The usual rules apply in terms of sickness and diarrhoea with children having to remain at home for 48 hours clear of any D&V.

We know this week has been very stressful for several families whose children have been poorly, especially if you are trying to get tested. Please make the decision as to whether you want to keep your child at home. **We are not doctors** so cannot make that decision for you. If a child arrives at school with a bit of a cold and/or cough, we will keep a close eye on them, especially as we need to keep the children, staff and the rest of our community safe too. It may be the case that we need to send the young person home, in which case we will contact you.

We are of course following very strict hygiene practises within school, but as predicted when many children and adults are brought together after months being apart then some illness will happen. This is happening nationally across all schools.

We will always work together to adopt the best course of action:



Useful links and phone numbers:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

Phone NHS on 111, or the Covid kit delivery helpdesk on 119

Safely arriving and leaving school

We have been informed by some very concerned and anxious parents that some parents congregate on or around the school site before and after school. It is essential that all children arrive and leave at their designated start or finish time. All adults must always maintain social distancing to reduce the chance of the transmitting the virus. Please leave a clear and wide pathway for children to safely walk through to get to their class. Please do not block any gate areas.

Please can we remind you, that the children in Class Lyn and Bray start school at 9.00am and Taw and Torridge at 8.50am. Please can parents of children in Class Bray wait until children in class Taw and Torridge have entered school before they take their children to Class Bray.

Please can we ensure that all reception and Y1 parents in Class Bray are NOT walking through the staff car park before or after school unless they have requested permission to do due to having a pushchair or medical needs. Walking through the car park is big health and safety risk for us as the school taxi, minibus and staff's cars may be moving around the car park at any of the drop off times.

Therefore, after taking H&S advice, if you have asked for permission to walk through the car park, we have decided to close the staff car park gate at 8.55am to 9.10am and 2.55pm to 3.05pm so the few families that have asked can walk through the car park safely. As these timings have to be so very tight due to vehicles requiring access, please do NOT use the staff car park as a walk through if you have not asked for permission. We need to be able to do this as quickly as possible so the gate can be opened quickly. Please do not allow other children to join up with other families to walk through the car park.

Year 6 message from Pilton Community College

As we are unable to invite Year 6 students and their parents and carers to our usual annual Open Events this year, we will be launching a virtual prospectus on our website from Monday, 28th September.

This will include a presentation from our Headteacher, Mr Hill, along with information regarding our different subject areas, interviews with key staff and students and a dedicated email address through which questions can be asked and answered.

Any enquiries from parents or pupils please visit our website at piltoncollege.org.uk.

Flu Immunisation

Your child is eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu vaccination. If you have not already booked your child's vaccination, please do so using this link. <https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone.

Dates for your diary

22 nd September 2020	Whole School –Wow Day
23 rd October 2020	Non Pupil Day
26 th October to 30 th October 2020	Half Term
9 th November 2020	Tempest Photographer
4 th December 2020	Flu Immunisation
18 th December 2020	Last day of Term
5 th January 2021	Spring Term begins
15 th February to 19 th February 2021	Half Term
1 st April 2021	Last Day of Term
19 th April 2021	Summer Term begins
3 rd May 2021	Spring Bank Holiday
28 th May 2021	Non Pupil Day
31 st May to 4 th June 2021	Half Term
23 rd July 2021	Last Day of Term