



COVID-19 Coronavirus

Covid National Lockdown Update

Thursday 21st January 2021 3pm

Please take time to read the updated information below. Thank you for continuing to support your child/children working at home, we do appreciate how difficult it is and we have been very impressed with the work they have been doing. Thank you for your support. We have over 25% of the children in school who are also working diligently; it is great to see that all children are continuing with their education in a blended way.

How is school currently operating?

All six classes have their usual teacher working with them at school with some TA support (in school or online). So they are teaching online as well as in school. Therefore, it is important that the children working online keep up with their work so that the class can move on together.

How do I contact a teacher?

In the last couple of flyers we gave out email addresses, please see below for a reminder.

Are you doing Lateral Flow testing?

Yes, this starts from next week for all school staff (not children). Should they wish, they will have the opportunity to complete lateral flow tests twice weekly half an hour before coming to work on a morning.

What will happen if a member of staff tests positive?

Teacher/TA - Their class will close. A tweet (on the main school feed) will be posted on the morning before school. The member of staff will arrange a Covid test, if this is negative, the staff member and children can return. If it is positive then the class, as well as their teacher, will need to self-isolate.

Will children need to work at home?

Yes, we would expect them to log onto GC at 9am (if they normally work from home or at school). We do not have spare staff to cover, so you are likely to notice the work may be different on GC for the day. The register will not close until 10am, when absence follow up phone calls will be made. Each teacher has made a back-up plan of work which will be uploaded. NB: If your child is unwell and cannot complete work, please let the office know. If your child's class bubble is closed you do not need to take them for a Covid test unless they display symptoms.

Now you are starting lateral flow testing, do the children still have to keep apart and wash hands?

Yes. Lateral Flow testing is just one part of the Covid prevention strategy. All of the other things we have in place still remain as important as ever.

Is school open at half term?

We are waiting for the Government to tell us, but in the meantime please can all KW's who have children currently at school [fill this in by the end of the school day on Tuesday](#). We are short staffed, it would really help us if we did not have to chase replies, thank you for your support. Vulnerable pupils will not need to fill in the form as they will have a half term break the same as the children working from home. All Google Classrooms will be closed during the holiday period, so please all look forward to the break in routine.

When are schools fully opening?

We do not know yet. Like you, we need to all keep an eye on the national news.

Remember, please check Twitter before you leave to bring your child/children to school, in case your class bubble is closed.

Reminders from past updates

Available Support



One number for all

Somerset's Local Authorities
Coronavirus support helpline
0300 790 6275

Available 8am to 6pm, seven days a week

A single number is now available for anyone in Somerset who needs Coronavirus related support from Somerset's Local Authorities. Anyone who can't find help within their community can use the helpline to get help and advice surrounding:

- Emotional support if you're feeling worried or anxious
- Financial support
- Personal care and support including food and delivery of prescriptions
- Housing and support for the homeless
- Social Care or Medical transport needs
- Waste collection and disposal
- Employment, skills and business advice

MENDIP Mendip District Council Somerset West and Taunton SOMERSET County Council South Somerset District Council NHS

Contacts for the duration of lockdown

Email accounts will be checked once each school day between 8am - 5pm not on evenings/weekends. Please use these accounts only when needed, a polite reminder to consider the workload of staff.

Ash: Adele.Sanford@Highhamprimary.co.uk

Cedar: Karen.Evans@Highhamprimary.co.uk

Elm: Amy.Palmer@Highhamprimary.co.uk

Maple: Elinor.McElwaine@Highhamprimary.co.uk

Oak: Mel.Peach@Highhamprimary.co.uk (Mon, Tue and Wed) and
Tom.Briggs@Highhamprimary.co.uk (Thur and Fri)

Willow: Ann.Edwards@Highhamprimary.co.uk

School office: office@highham.somerset.sch.uk

Head: Jane.Rosser@highhamprimary.co.UK

Reporting Covid Test Results

Even if your child is working from home, it is really important that you still do this. A reminder of who to contact.

- School term time (8.30am – 3.45pm when the office is open) via phone (**01458 250735**).
- Out of hours (including weekends/holidays/evenings) please email our Covid account: **highhamcovidresults@educ.somerset.gov.uk** (This is open 24/7 and monitored throughout the day).

NB: Please keep an eye on Twitter for any future changes.