

Sherington Newsletter



25th September 2020

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 1

Friday 4th September–Thursday 22nd October

INSET – Friday 23rd October

Half Term

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Autumn Term 2

Monday 2nd November –Friday 18th December

Assembly

Monday saw the start of International Week of the Deaf and our Monday assembly looked at the use of British Sign Language. Pupils were shown the BSL finger spelling alphabet as well as how to sign commonly used words. Today, Miss Pritchard introduced classes to European Day of Languages. Sessions have been planned for pupils to enjoy speaking and listening to European languages.

Parents who are new to our Positive Education philosophy are encouraged to take the Character Strengths survey. For more information, see the school's website (Curriculum page > Positive Education) where the link can be found.

www.viacharacter.org

Attendance

The award this week goes to 1D with 98.6%

Parents' Evenings

An email will go out early next week giving details of how parents' evenings will be conducted this term. Please look out for it; all information will be included in the letter.

School Meals

Daily fee £2.75 Weekly £13.75

Autumn Term 1 £96.25

You must notify the office if changing meal pattern at the end of half term

Risk Assessment

In accordance with latest guidance, we have revisited our risk assessment and made the following amendment with immediate effect:

- PPE – all visitors to the school are required to wear a face mask

The above is applicable to **all** visitors that enter the school, however briefly, including when accompanying a pupil's late arrival or early collection. This is to protect pupils and staff and to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

We continue to ask that all communication to the school is done via email to

sao@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk or telephone 020 8858 5497

Drop off and pick up times

We ask that everyone arrives during the allocated times for your child's class and that you vacate the area as soon as possible to allow the next class to be dismissed; this is to assist with keeping year group bubbles separate. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Driving and Parking in the area

We continue to ask that families walk to school. If you *must* drive, please park in surrounding roads and walk the last part of the journey. Let's make the area safer and cleaner by not driving or parking in Sherington and Wyndcliff Roads at these times. Double parking and dropping off in the road is hazardous and dangerous. Please don't do it.

Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Keeping everyone safe, and our school open, will take vigilance and cooperation from everyone in the school community. The responsibility that lies with us to protect your children, our staff and the wider community continues to be uppermost in our minds. Our risk assessment can be found on our website.

You can support us by adhering to these important measures.

- Do not send children into school if they show any symptoms of being unwell or if a member of the household displays coronavirus symptoms
- Children who present as unwell at school will need to be collected promptly when requested
- Children should not bring in any items from home other than their water bottle (playground fountains will not be available), lunch box, a bag with essential items only and coat

We are acting on advice for educational settings from the Department for Education and Public Health England. The helpline for questions about COVID-19 related to education.

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Mon to Fri)

Main symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

The main symptoms of coronavirus for adults and children are:

- **a high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.

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2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result - only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

The local authority has recommended this link which gives a helpful comparison of **coronavirus, cold and flu symptoms**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-54145299>