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# The Newsletter for Whimple Primary School

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### Please be careful

As the number of cases in our area increases we need to ensure we take even more care when we are out and about. Clyst Vale has had to send home their Year 9 children to self-isolate and some of these children have siblings within our school.

We have had all our children in school this week which is fantastic and a credit to all of our families. However, we have had two teachers having to self-isolate whilst waiting for test results of a family member.

None of us are immune to the issues around coronavirus and the disease itself. Although the risks continue to be minimal, we want to ensure it continues to stay that way.

So, we ask that adults dropping off and collecting children wear a face mask (unless medically exempt) from Monday 16th November and continue to keep their distance.

Please take the time to read the guidance on the next page.



## Online learning

If children are required to self-isolate for any reason the school need to be informed and then we have to ensure as much as possible that their learning continues at home. As part of our remote learning policy which is being put together, it has been agreed that a child's absence for the first day will be covered by the suggested plan available on the website. Here you will find a table with a suggested plan and curriculum links for reception, key stage 1 and key stage 2.

https://www.whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/remote\_learning\_1/519678

We are very aware that the children, like us have many different usernames and passwords to remember so over the past week or so we have been trying to streamline these as much as possible and place all of them together.

Your child will be coming home today with a sheet which has all the site addresses, usernames and passwords. Please keep this somewhere safe.

Current Government Guidance: A brief outline (for more information see Gov. uk)

When we reduce our day-to-day contact with other people, we reduce the spread of the infection. That is why, from Thursday 5 November until Wednesday 2 December, you must:

- Stay at home, except for specific purposes.
- Avoid meeting people you do not live with, except for specific purposes.

You must not leave or be outside of your home except for specific purposes including work, essential shopping and taking your children to school.

In general, you must not meet with another person socially or undertake any activities with another person. However, you can exercise or meet in a public, outdoors space with people you live with, your <u>support bubble</u> (or as part of a <u>childcare bubble</u>), or with one other person.

You should minimise time spent outside your home.

You must not meet socially indoors with family or friends unless they are part of your household or support bubble.

A <u>support bubble</u> is where a household with one adult joins with another household. Households in that support bubble can still visit each other, stay overnight in each other's households, and visit outdoor public places together.

You can exercise or visit a public outdoor space:

- by yourself
- with the people you live with
- with your support bubble
- or, when on your own, 1 person from another household

If you live in England, you must stay at home and avoid travel as much as possible.

If you have been sent home to self-isolate, (whether adult or child), you must stay at home and not go out to exercise, shop or meet someone.



### **Poppies**

The children were great on Wednesday for our two minute silence, some even watched it on the BBC.

### Children In Need

What a wonderful sight all the children were today. The masks were absolutely amazing and the children were able to share and vote in our online assembly. Winners will be announced next week.



Thank you very much for your support.

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