



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

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We end this week at school with a very autumnal feel. During our celebration assemblies today we have been rewarding those pupils who have shone due to their kindness and warmth towards others. How lovely that the adults around school have had such a tricky time deciding who to nominate and have been 'spoilt for choice'. Keep it up Team Solent!

Mrs L Wilby, Executive Headteacher



Year 1 school councillors Max, Isla and Jools with just some of the infant school Harvest contributions!

Thank you very much to all those of you who brought along items for our Harvest Festival collection. We watched the donations flood in and were very proud to have been able to share these with the representative from The Portsmouth Food-bank who collected a van full!



SJS Head Boy and Girl Oscar and Evie with just some of the junior school Harvest contributions!

Solent Teams!

Healthy Schools

Please remember that pupils should only be coming to school with plain water in their water bottles. These need to be brought in daily. Fruit bags and boxes should contain fruit, raw vegetable or hard cheese (no processed cheese). Infant pupils also receive a free piece of fruit daily and under 5s can sign up for milk for free too via the school website!

In March we made the decision to use Microsoft Teams for our remote learning provision across The Solent Schools. At the beginning of term we shared our future plans for enhancing this remote learning provision yet further. This has been in direct response to consultation and feedback from staff and families. Throughout this time we have been monitoring pupil engagement on Teams and are very pleased to have found very high levels of engagement across the year groups. Now that pupils and their families have become increasingly familiar with the use of Teams we are ready to explore the next step! Over the next few weeks teachers will be asking pupils to upload their home learning onto Teams. The way in which this is done will depend on the age and stage of the children. On Friday 9th October all parents and carers (Years 1 to 6) will receive a letter with instructions detailing how to support your child in doing this. Your child will also be shown this in class. Critically this will mean that the teacher will then be able to provide your child with much deserved and eagerly awaited feedback for their home learning!



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Emergency School Contact

We have set up an emergency school text service that can be used over the weekend and during school holidays. **This service must only be used if your child or a member of your immediate household tests positive for Covid-19.** You will receive a short acknowledgement message back and senior leaders at both schools will be alerted. This service will enable us to take swift action. The number to text is **07933 997641**. You must leave a short message with the words 'Covid Positive test for' then the name of the person who has tested positive, your child's name and class. If your child tests positive we will request a copy of the test result at this point.

Remote Learning Provision

If your child needs to self-isolate please contact the school office for an 'isolation pack'. This will be emailed out to you and will contain learning tasks for them to complete. If a whole class bubble has to self-isolate, the teacher will share a daily timetable with your child via Class Teams (Y1-6). There will be recorded delivery shared with your child within Teams at specific times throughout the day. Pupils will be able to ask questions live via Teams during the sessions. They will also receive feedback from teachers if their work is uploaded to Teams within a specific timescale. Further details regarding how to do this will be shared when required. This is another important development in our online provision at The Solent Schools.

#HelloYellow

On Friday 9th October we will be joining together virtually across the Solent Schools for #HelloYellow in support of YoungMinds for World Mental Health Day. We are asking all pupils and staff to come into school on this day dressed in something yellow (if possible) and wearing the brightest clothes they can find (non school uniform!). Please watch out for a letter with further details coming home next week!

Covid FAQ

YOUNGMINDS

We didn't receive any Covid related questions this week. This may be because our community is currently clear on issues surrounding school arrangements. We have taken the decision to leave this facility open for a further week. If we receive no further queries this coming week then we will close this FAQ facility.

For now we have put together some brief reminders:

- Please remember that pupils should not be in school whilst awaiting test results.
- We kindly ask that all parents and carers are mindful of our local community and do not stop in clusters on streets outside the schools.
- Please help to keep our lovely lollipop lady 'Fiona' safe by observing the same social distancing rules when using her crossing.
- In the case of rain, class bubbles cannot be open early. Unfortunately this means that pupils will need to wait outside until the doors open. Please could we ask that all adults continue to social distance if using shelters on the school site.

FAQ

As the ever evolving pandemic continues, we are very aware that you may have important queries with regards to school and the associated provision. You can almost always guarantee that if you have a question, someone else is also wondering about the same thing! We also know that an unanswered question can sometimes morph into a worry. As such, we have decided to open a 'Covid & Solent Q&A' facility. Each week, we will repeat the link to access a jot form, through which you will be able to ask any Covid and Solent related questions you might have. We will then either reply to you directly, or publish the question with the answer in this newsletter, if it could be of interest to the wider school community. To pose your question now please [click here](#).