

Dear mums, dads and carers,
September 2020

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It's a sunny Friday and we've had a great week. A special well done to our Reception class for a successful first full week in school; you have all been brilliant, especially at our Zoom Achievement assembly this morning where you sat and clapped beautifully! We have updated our Home Learning provision so that anyone self-isolating or sick can access their learning immediately. KS1 home learning is on the school website as it was during lockdown; you will need to log in to the student area. KS2 home learning is on [century.tech](https://www.century.tech) (we will teach / remind children how to use this as soon as possible and will send a parent user guide home next week) There also ideas for additional activities you might want to look at with your child on the Home Learning area of the website. From next week we will begin to re-use the year group email addresses that were in use during lockdown as a way of you getting a message to your child's teacher.

Reception@charlesdarwin.cheshire.sch.uk

y1@charlesdarwin.cheshire.sch.uk

y2@charlesdarwin.cheshire.sch.uk

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As teachers obviously already spend a considerable amount of time planning and marking their class work and will now be monitoring and addressing any home learning issues, I am sure you will support me in protecting their family / private time by insisting they only monitor or reply to any communications between 8 am - 5pm Monday to Friday.

We will have telephone consultation parents' evening later this half term where you will all have an opportunity to discuss all aspects of your child's school life.

Covid

Schools have been asked to send out the email below along with the attached chart; which you will see is very similar to that which I sent out last week.

Remember we have a dedicated text no and email address for you to let us know if anyone in your household has symptoms and the results of test.

07922949835

covid@charlesdarwin.cheshire.sch.uk

As always thank you for your support, have a great weekend
Adam Croft

Text for school newsletters - Getting tested for COVID-19

It is important that if you're child becomes unwell with any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed below that you get tested.

Testing sites are available across Cheshire and Merseyside, with appointments for tests released daily throughout the day. However, a vast increase in demand has led to laboratories, which process the tests, being overwhelmed. This national issue has

meant that bookings have been restricted by the Department of Health and Social Care.

At this time of such high demand it is crucial that only people who have **COVID-19 symptoms** book a test. These include:

- 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

There is no need for members of a pupil's household to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic.

If your child tests positive they should self-isolate and stay off school for 10 days. If the test comes back negative they can return to school if they no longer have symptoms and have been fever free for 48hrs.

As we head into the winter months pupils may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils **don't** need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

Please do not attend A and E, other hospital facilities or GP Practices requesting a COVID test as they are not able to provide these

To book a test please visit: www.nhs.uk or by call: 119.

Social media posts

Cheshire West and Chester Council will be sharing some social media posts to encourage people to only get a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms. Schools can share these messages on their own channels or use the following suggested social media posts.

- People with **symptoms** of COVID-19 can book on-line for a test www.nhs.uk or by calling 119.#NWCOVID19
- If you or someone in your household have **symptoms** of COVID-19 you can book a test online by visiting: www.nhs.uk or calling 119 #NWCOVID19
- School pupils and staff should only get a test for Covid-19 **if they have symptoms**. Book an appointment by visiting: www.nhs.uk #NWCOVID19

Please see updated graphics on getting tested if you have symptoms – you can download these to use on your school social media accounts.

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1vjHJSX43NZQKBpZREZqS6wBhhJGHWd_G

