



Our Value for June is
KINDNESS



School Update

We still have not received any guidance from the government regarding school in September. As soon as we have this, myself, Mrs Dawes, the Leadership Team and Governors will amend our risk assessment and make concrete plans for the return of pupils. We are provisionally planning as if all pupils will be back, but with additional safety measures and possible staggered starts and ends to the school day, however have not yet had this approach confirmed in official guidance. It will also depend on the commitment of wider society to socially distance in line with government expectations to prevent a resurgence of the virus and further restrictions being imposed. We will of course share plans, dates and timings with you as soon as we can.

Home Learning and Communicating

A number of the free to subscribe resources are now becoming paid resources and we are evaluating which resources we continue to offer as we cannot pay for all of them. We are continuing with Times Table Rock Stars and have also subscribed to Numbots for at least the next year. We continue to be able to access White Rose Maths in school and home learning and are looking into subscribing to Sumdog for our oldest children. We will also be continuing to use Class Dojo in September, although not to quite the same extent and we will unify how it is used across different classes, including embedding our school values awards within it. Not all of the current subscription resources that are free can be purchased by school for use at home, but if you are using a specific resource that you think would be beneficial, please do let us know.

Free School Meals (& vouchers) – Could you be eligible?

Have your financial circumstances changed? If you have been furloughed, are on reduced pay or your household income has reduced due you may well be eligible for Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium Grant. **We would urge as many of you as possible to apply for Free School Meals as school receives additional funding and we can use it to support your child and their learning.**

Parents of children eligible by the summer break will receive a £90 supermarket voucher for each child. To be eligible for the summer holiday supermarket voucher, your child needs to be registered as eligible for Free School Meals by the 10th July as we have to submit all voucher requests by then. It really does only take 5 minutes to apply.

We would encourage all families with children in Year 2 (because you start paying for meals next year) and Nursery (because you may be eligible from Reception onwards) to apply. Parents of children from Reception to Year 6 can apply now and Nursery parents can apply for Reception from the beginning of the Summer Break.

Starting Nursery & Reception

Next week we will write to the parents of children who will be in Nursery/Reception in September confirming provisional arrangements for their transition into school. This will take slightly longer than usual as many of these children will not have had the opportunity to visit school first for informal sessions and may not have been in any setting for 6 months or more by the time they start. All transitions into school are dependent on government guidance at the time.

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School Uniform

The school office has a supply of school ties available if you only need to purchase a tie. If you wish to purchase a tie, please email or telephone the school office in advance. Please also remember that uniform delivered to school does not carry a delivery charge – we are happy to do this and can arrange socially distanced collection once it arrives.

Surprise Visitor!

One of our Year 6 bubbles had a surprise visitor this morning in their classroom – this amazing stag beetle. Fortunately, one of the Year 6 children was happy to remove it and set it free in the quiet garden.

The children were amazed at the discovery, having never seen one of these rare and quite large beetles before and had to research what it was. On



discovering it was a female stag beetle and considered to be a rare sighting (especially inside a classroom), they reported its finding to the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) using the online form and wrote them a letter about their experience of finding it. If you would like to know more about stag beetles, follow this link: <https://ptes.org/get-involved/surveys/garden/great-stag-hunt/stag-hunt-survey/>.



Being a Parent

a FREE
9-week Parenting Programme



A FREE 9 week programme run by parents for Mums, Dads & Carers of children aged up to 11 years.

Booking essential

Starts on 7th July 2020 at 8pm – 9.30pm

Via Zoom

A link will be sent to you at time of booking.

For more information and bookings please contact our EPEC Hub Co-Ordinator

Colette Fletcher

Tel No: 01582 660061

Email: office@home-startcentralbeds.org.uk



PLEASE HELP!

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ACCESS FUNDING TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

Could your child be entitled to free school meals?

We know that lots of parents have not applied, but are eligible and their child is missing out on the support they could be receiving.

We could offer your child many benefits if they are entitled –

- Free breakfast club
- £50 school uniform voucher per year
- Reduced costs on school trips, music lessons, after school clubs
- Free break-time milk
- Extra learning support in and out of class.

All of these benefits could make a significant difference to your child.

All children in reception class, year 1 and year 2 automatically qualify for a free school meal under the Government's Universal Free School Meals scheme **BUT** any child in Reception – Year 6 could still qualify for free school meals (and therefore the benefits listed above) if you are in receipt of the following:

- Income Support, or
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, or
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related), or
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit, or
- National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS), or
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.

IF YOU THINK THERE IS ANY CHANCE YOUR CHILD COULD BE ELIGIBLE - PLEASE APPLY

IT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE TO OUR SCHOOL BUDGET AND THE SUPPORT WE CAN PROVIDE

Once your child is identified as eligible their school receives additional funding each April (in the budget) for the next 6 years.

You can apply by phone on 0300 300 8306

Mon-Thurs 8.30 am – 5.30 pm and Fridays 8.30 – 4.30 pm

PLEASE DO CALL – IT ONLY TAKES 5 MINUTES BUT CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE

All you will need is:– National Insurance numbers for you and your partner, along with your dates of birth and dates of birth for your children (and NASS number if you have one).

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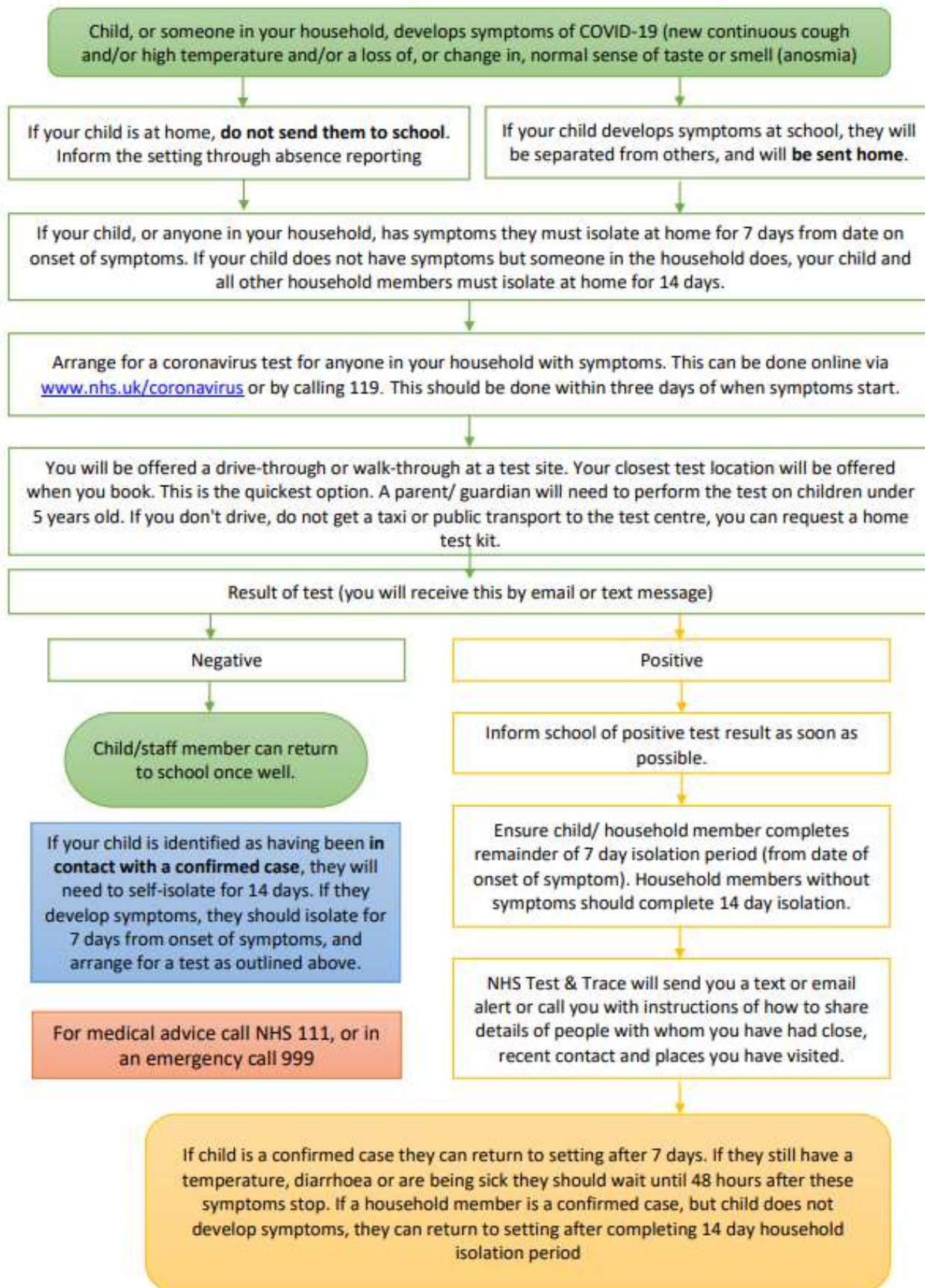
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COVID-19 information for parents/ households (26th June 2020)

For general advice about COVID-19, contact your school nurse service on 0300 555 0606 or ccs.beds.childrens.spa@nhs.net





THE FAMILY WELLBEING PROGRAMME

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Free webinars

6TH - 13TH JULY 2020

The Family Wellbeing Programme is an exciting and timely new initiative devised by outdoor learning and wellbeing specialists. Wild for Life, aimed at parents, grandparents and primary carers of children aged 4-12 years old.

Wild for Life, in partnership with Frosts and with support from Greensand Country, will deliver three sets of three 1hr long webinars for parents, grandparents and primary carers in July, which will focus on how to manage the wellbeing of their children, with a particular focus on the detrimental effects of lockdown. The **FREE** webinars will demonstrate how outdoor environments and activities can be a catalyst for better mental and physical wellbeing.

The Family Wellbeing Programme series will take place over three days, with activities to complete in between sessions, and will cover:

- ✦ How to assess your own wellbeing.
- ✦ How to assess, understand and improve your children's wellbeing.
- ✦ Outdoor and nature-led activities to try with your children to help them understand and reflect on their thoughts and feelings.
- ✦ How and when to seek help.

Lockdown has had a huge impact on wellbeing: for some it has been a positive experience, but for others it has been a complex juggling act, a strain on finances and relationships and period of uncertainty, stress and frustration. Children will be greatly unsettled by this period as they have had their regular routines turned upside down and, often, they struggle to process and express their thoughts and emotions. The free webinars will equip parents and carers with the tools they need to assess and improve the wellbeing of their families in order to move forward out of lockdown positively. They will also encourage and inspire families to explore, discover and reap the benefits of spending quality time outdoors in gardens and local natural landscapes.

Sign up today!

BOOKING INFORMATION

PART ONE

Mon, 6 July 2020

10am, 1.30pm, or 7.30pm

PART TWO

Thurs, 9 July 2020

10am, 1.30pm, or 7.30pm

PART THREE

Mon, 13 July 2020

10am, 1.30pm, or 7.30pm

To find out more information about the programme or to book your place, please visit the booking page: wildfamilywellbeing.eventbrite.co.uk or email info@wildforlife.co.uk



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VIRTUAL WELLBEING DROP-INS

Do you want to learn more about feeling happy and calm at home?

Activities and information will be aimed at all children. Younger children may need support from an adult.

Monday 29 th June 2020	Managing angry feelings	Please book through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/promoting-positive-wellbeing-supporting-children-with-angry-feelings-tickets-110137241454
Monday 6 th July 2020	Managing anxiety through uncertainty	Please book through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/promoting-positive-wellbeing-managing-anxiety-through-uncertainty-tickets-110134003770
Monday 13 th July 2020	Managing overwhelming feelings	Please book through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/promoting-positive-wellbeing-managing-overwhelming-feelings-tickets-110136388904

For more information please contact the Early Help team via Eventbrite



Promoting Positive Emotional Wellbeing Drop-in

Find ways to support the children and young people in your life

Free to attend
Via Microsoft Teams

Young People
17:00-17:30

Parents

17:30-18:00

Gain information, support and guidance
Resources will be sent out after each session