

# School Matters

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

## Friday 11th February 2022

### From the Headteacher

If parents see a cat being squirted with a water pistol by a member of the school staff, please don't worry. The intention of squirting the cat with the water pistol is to discourage it from coming on to school property where it has scratched both children and adults!



World Book Day is on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**. The children are invited to dress up as a book character for the day and bring their favourite book to school. Each class will be doing some special reading activities to celebrate World Book Day, including shared reading with another class. If you are looking for new book ideas for your child, the World Book Day website has a number of great suggestions on their reading recommendations page. If you are able to get to the library, you can order books for children for free on their website, if you are a member.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/reading-recommendations/>

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena>

This might also be a good time for you to spend some extra time reading to your children at home. Whenever we talk to the children about reading, they always tell us how much they love being read to by you (even the children in Year Six). Please see the attached leaflet to support you with reading at home with your child/ren.



Just another reminder that Exmouth Road in Colaton Raleigh will be closed from Saturday, 12th February until Monday 14th February whilst a new water supply is installed. For more information please read the News item on our School Website.

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For any Twilight after school club matters please phone the main school number.



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# TWOS DAY CHALLENGE!

22.02.2022 Kids! can you earn £22 in

What will you do?  
sponsorship money for  
tuesday twosday?

22 odd jobs  
around the  
house?

22  
minutes  
of dancing?

22 laps  
on your  
bike?

Read 22  
books in a  
month?

Learn  
22 words  
in another  
language?

get your  
grown-up to pay your  
sponsorship money via  
the school gateway!

You can complete your challenge any time, not limited to 22.2.22





On Wednesday, during our computing lessons, Years 2 to 6 joined schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2022. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in our school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Resources for Parents and Carers which are available at: [saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents](https://saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents).

There are top tips, quizzes, and films which you can use at home with your child. Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the [UK Safer Internet Centre \(saferinternet.org.uk/parents\)](https://saferinternet.org.uk/parents)
- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet \(childnet.com/parents-and-carers\)](https://childnet.com/parents-and-carers)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from [Common Sense Media \(commonsense.org\)](https://commonsense.org)
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters \(internetmatters.org./controls\)](https://internetmatters.org./controls)
- Information and reporting of online grooming or sexual abuse from [CEOP \(ceop.police.uk\)](https://ceop.police.uk)

Online safety is an important issue which as a school we're committed to teaching our pupils about.

# Covid Isolation Rules

We thought it might be useful to summarise the current Covid isolation rules for children in primary school.

If your child has Covid symptoms then they should isolate immediately and go for a PCR test. If the PCR test is positive then the day that symptoms start, counts as day 0 of isolation.

If your child has symptoms but their PCR tests comes back negative then they can come out of isolation and return to school once they are well and have been clear of a high temperature for at least 24 hours (without medication).

If your child has no symptoms and takes a lateral flow test which is positive, then they should isolate. The date of the test counts as day 0. There is no requirement to do a PCR test.

If your child has a positive result (either PCR or lateral flow) then they can carry out a lateral flow test on day 5 and day 6 of isolation (no earlier). These tests must be at least 24 hours apart. If both are negative and the child has been clear of a high temperature (without medication) for at least 48 hours then the child can come out of isolation on day 6 and return to school.

If lateral flow tests are not negative on days 5 and 6 then the child can continue to do lateral flow tests, each 24 hours apart, and can come out of isolation when they get two consecutive negative lateral flow tests, or when they have completed 10 full days of isolation, whichever is earliest. If a child does have to complete 10 days of isolation, they would return to school on day 11. Children who have had Covid must also be 48 hours free of a high temperature before they can return to school.

If your child does test positive then we need to know the following information:

- Whether the child had symptoms and if so, when the symptoms started
- Date of test and whether it was a lateral flow or PCR test
- Any special advice/information you have been given by test and trace that might affect the isolation period.

Based on the information you provide, we will inform you by email when we believe your child's isolation dates start and end.

If your child receives free school meals (not universal free meals given to all children in R, 1 and 2) then we will offer you a food parcel for the duration of the isolation, for each child isolating, which we will plan to deliver to you.

If your child is in years 1-6 then you will receive work for your child on Google Classroom the day after you let us know a positive Covid result. Children in Reception will receive details of any activities via Tapestry.