

9th October 2020

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at Jewell. There are some lovely displays and work going on around the school. I know lots of you have had phone consultations in the last week or have booked in for next week. The staff have been very positive about these and thank you for your continuing support.

Yesterday, I had to send a letter regarding some of our pupils having to isolate because a member of the Superstars staff (Breakfast Club Provider), sadly tested positive for Coronavirus. Policy was followed and the DfE gave their advice for the children affected.

To be clear – none of these children are currently displaying symptoms. However, the guidance around 10 and 14 days isolation does need some clarity. The current advice is 14 days if: you are identified as a contact of someone who has coronavirus. If you've been identified as the close contact of someone outside your household who has the virus, you need to self-isolate until 14 days after your last contact with them. This is because you are at risk of developing COVID-19 for 14 days. Even if you never develop symptoms, you can still be infected and pass the virus on without knowing it. If you do have a negative test during this time, you still need to self-isolate for the full period. This is because you could still develop COVID-19 and pass it on to other people. It is important that everyone understands that a negative test result during your self-isolation does NOT mean you can stop self-isolating early. You could put other people at risk of catching the virus if you do.

Please rest assured I and all of the Jewell staff take the health and welfare of all members of the community very seriously and follow all of the advice necessary. I will of course communicate further with you if the situation changes and other measures need to be taken.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping us all safe at such a difficult time.



Uniform.

Thank you for your efforts in keeping the children smart and ready for their learning with the correct uniform. There is a big improvement from last week.

Attendance Challenge!

Good attendance is essential for all children. Arriving on time is also crucial, as arriving late can be very stressful for your child, especially if learning is already taking place and they are having to play "catch up".

We are having several children arriving very late into school without valid reasons. Please work hard to improve on this in the last 2 weeks of term.

National expectation is that children have 95% or above attendance. Our figures so far this academic year are:

Year to date: 94.88% This week: 95.17% Best Class: Starfish with 98.92% - amazing!!

Can your class beat them next week?

