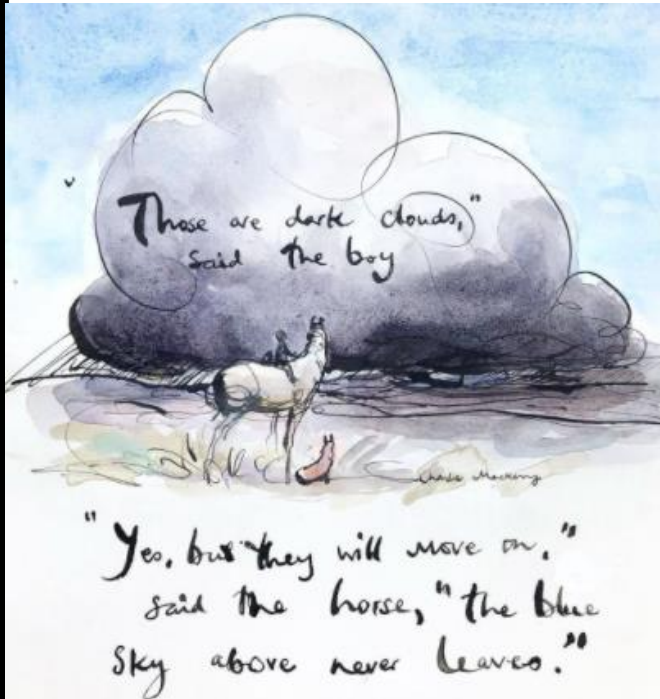




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Despite the weather this week, it has felt like the clouds are eventually lifting and we can start to feel more optimistic about the coming months. All our pupils returning to school has been an important part of this, lifting everybody's spirits and making us feel that we are getting back on track. We are sure there were a few butterflies in tummies on Sunday night (and that was just the teachers!) but by Monday break time, it was almost as if we'd never been away. Although we are thrilled to have our pupils back, learning face to face, it has given us even more pleasure to see children catching up with their friends, playing out during breaks and working alongside their peers. Zoom was great for keeping in touch, but real people are even better! We are determined to enjoy this time in school as we move towards Easter – we have always known that SJS is a special place, but eight weeks away has shown us this more clearly. As the dark clouds move on, we are all so glad to be back!

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: Sarah Tompkin
- Y3CP: Elijah Southern
- Y3RD: Carson Bowskill
- Y4KT: Connor Wharnton
- Y4RL: Ben O'Neill
- Y5CS: Brandon Pilgrim
- Y5DW: Hunny Richardson
- Y5HK: Timothy Hawksworth
- Y6ER: Freya Hollis
- Y6MC: Daisy Cuss
- Y6CH: Joshua Rees

Mrs Foster: Belle Carr
Mr Tee: Chloe Beveridge-Beeley
Mrs Shaw: Maya Wright

Lower School Lunchtimes: Poppy Newton
Upper School Lunchtimes: Maddison Armitage

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - MADRID

William Powell
Noah Charlesworth

Y4 - CAIRO

Alyssa Mitchell

Y4 - NAIROBI

Alyssa Mitchell

Y4 - PRETORIA

Esmee Tym

Y5 - TOKYO

Sophie Beechill

Y6 - LIMA

Grace Jowitt

RED NOSE DAY

Stocksbridge Junior School will be supporting Red Nose Day this year on Friday 19th March 2021. To raise money for this fantastic cause, we will be holding a 'Red Dress Up' and selling red noses in school. If you would like your child to buy a red nose, Mrs Proost will be visiting classes each day next week (except Wednesday) for children to purchase one. The red noses cost £1.50. Please send your child to school with the correct change, if possible, to minimise the handling of money. Red noses will be available while stocks last and will be limited to one red nose per child. Please note that red noses bought before Friday should be kept at home and only worn on Red Nose Day itself, please.

If your child would like to wear something red on Friday 19th March, please send them to school with £1.00 on the day.

WORLD BOOK DAY RAFFLE

We have been so impressed with everyone's World Book Day efforts last week – well done! We hope you enjoyed thinking about your favourite books and being creative. Mrs Saville received lots of lovely emails from parents and staff with photographs of the children's creations. We entered all the names of children who took part into our selector tool and chose one person from each year group. Congratulations to the following children:

Year 3 – Henry Clark

Year 4 – James Kelland

Year 5 – Lincoln Butler

Year 6 – Scarlet Donoghue

Each winner will receive a £5.00 book gift card. Well done, everyone!

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

WEEK 22/2-15/3-19/4-10/5-7/6-28/6	MONDAY <small>MEAT FREE</small>	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Pizza of the day	Minced and onion pie 🍲	Roast chicken and stuffing gravy	All day breakfast	Fish fingers
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Pizza of the day	Quorn™ mince and onion pie	Roast Quorn™ fillet, and stuffing and gravy	Vegetarian sausage	Fish fingers
ACCOMPANIMENTS <small>5 A DAY</small>	Potato wedges Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Mash potato Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Hash brown Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Chips Seasonal vegetables Salad bar
DESSERTS	Raspberry marble cake with custard	Chocolate brownie	Mixed fruit in jelly <small>5 A DAY</small>	Shortbread biscuits and mandarins <small>5 A DAY</small>	Fruit and ice cream <small>5 A DAY</small>
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt
JACKET POTATOES	Jacket potatoes with cheese, beans or tuna	Jacket potatoes with cheese, beans or tuna	Jacket potatoes with cheese, beans or tuna	Jacket potatoes with cheese, beans or tuna	Jacket potatoes with cheese, beans or tuna

READING WELL

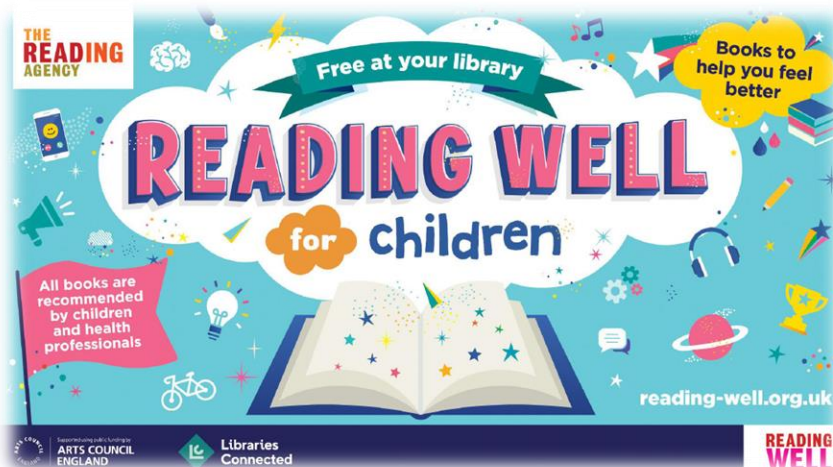
Reading Well for children is a collection of books compiled by The Reading Agency which have been chosen and recommended by leading health professionals and co-produced with children and families. All of the books on the list will help children to understand their feelings and cope with tough time that we are currently going through.

Please see the Reading Well booklet shared via ParentMail for details of each book in the collection.

These books are available to loan from local libraries via the order and collect service:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/libraries-archives/order-collect-service> or contact Stocksbridge Library directly.

Many books are also available as eBooks and audiobooks for free via the library's e-lending service.



SJS COVID-19 WEBPAGE

Our webpage ensures parents can access to the latest COVID information from school and Sheffield news and resources. Please visit <https://www.stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk/covid-19-parent-information/>

10 day Active Travel challenge



2021



Our theme for 2021 is
Super Heroes



We would like your badge to be inspired by a
superhero.

This can be someone in real life, a famous superhero
or one from your imagination.

Your design **MUST** fit inside the footprint
outline.



The winning design will be made into real badges. These badges will be given out
to children who complete the next

10 Day Active Travel challenge.

Scan and email entries to:- Kathryn.harrison@sheffield.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE :Friday 23rd April 2021

Parents with children at nurseries, schools and colleges

A guide to regular rapid Covid-19 testing



Regular rapid testing is now available for parents, their households and bubbles.

Regular rapid testing is a fast and easy way to find out if you have coronavirus and help protect your loved ones and community. It's free and takes around 30 minutes.

Why introduce regular rapid testing?

Up to 1 in 3 people who have Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing.

Regular rapid testing is now available for parents of nursery, school children and college students. As well as adults in their households, childcare and support bubbles.

Regular testing for people without symptoms is already taking place across the country. Thousands of people who didn't know they had the virus have been able to take action to stop the spread of the disease.

As lockdown restrictions ease, getting into the regular habit of twice weekly testing will play an important role in getting back to normal; alongside the vaccine, following the hands, face, space guidance, and social distancing measures.

Regular testing for school staff and students

Regular rapid testing is already available to all staff at nursery, primary and secondary schools and colleges.

Secondary school and college students aged 11 and above will continue to access regular rapid tests directly through their school or college. And we continue to encourage them to get tested.

On return they will initially be supervised while testing at school and then continue to test themselves at home with test kits they will get from school or college.

Nursery and primary school children are not being asked to be tested as evidence continues to show that children and young people are at low risk from Covid-19 and are very unlikely to get seriously ill.

What is the benefit to you?

By taking part in regular rapid testing, you'll be protecting yourself and your loved ones. And helping us all get back to a more normal way of life.



How does it work?

It's a simple swab test you can do at home, school, work or test site, using a Lateral Flow Device (LFD). It takes around 30 minutes to find out if you have the virus.

The test detects viral proteins that are present when someone has Covid-19. Research from Public Health England and Oxford University shows that they pick up the vast majority of people in the most infectious stage of the disease. With up to 1 in 3 people who have the virus showing no symptoms – they could be spreading it without knowing.

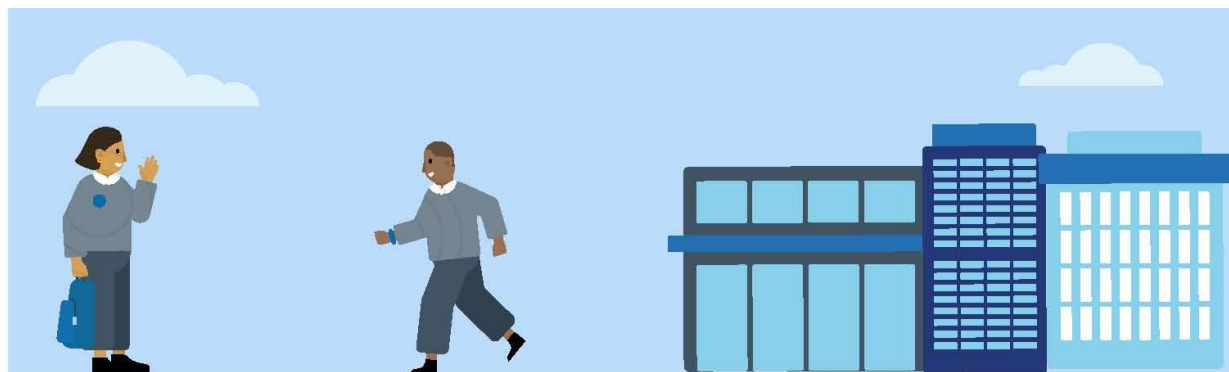
Testing should take place twice a week, every three – five days, ideally in the morning. Why not add this to your morning routine?

If you test negative, you can continue to go to work. You should still strictly follow all other government guidelines and avoid all unnecessary contact. If you, your household or bubble test positive, you should all self-isolate immediately. And then the person who has tested positive should also take a confirmatory PCR test and follow latest government guidance.

For more information visit [gov.uk/guidance/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms)



YouTube Introduction to Rapid Lateral Flow testing

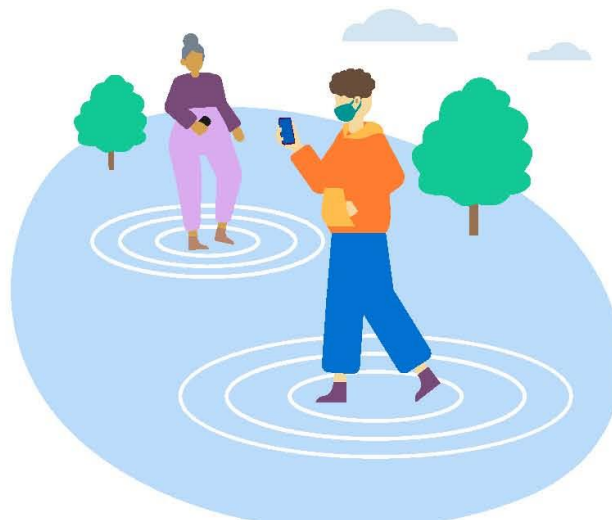


Reporting your test

You should **report your results online straight away**, even if your result is negative or void. It's easy to do at: [gov.uk/report-covid19-result](https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result)

Results can also be reported via **telephone by calling 119** (free from mobiles and landlines). **Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.**

If you have tested positive, you can also check to see if you are eligible for the £500 Test and Trace Support Payment.



Where can I get tested?

If you are a parent or adult of a household, childcare or support bubble you can either:

1. Get an assisted test at work if it is available.
2. Attend a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.
3. Order a test online to do at home.

To find out how to get a free rapid Covid-19 test visit [gov.uk/coronavirus-school-household-testing](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-school-household-testing)

Regular rapid testing is for those without symptoms of Coronavirus. If you have symptoms, you should continue to book through [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

ONLINE SAFETY

It may be the world's number 1 messaging app but changes to terms and conditions have led to users downloading rival apps. This week's online safety guide for parents & carers asks 'What's up with WhatsApp?'



What Parents & Carers Need to Know About

16+
in UK & EU;
12+ rest of world.

WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, and making voice and video calls. The app offers end-to-end encryption, meaning messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient(s). Not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 reportedly caused millions of users to leave the app. But the new policy was widely misinterpreted: it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

'Prize' Scams

WhatsApp users occasionally receive messages from unauthorised third parties or fraudsters pretending to offer prizes – encouraging recipients to click a link to win. A common scam involves a warning that someone's WhatsApp subscription has run out; aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details. Other scams include instructions to forward a message to earn a gift or reward.

Enabling Fake News

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumour. In India, some outbreaks of mob violence were reported to have been sparked by false allegations shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Connections with Strangers

To start a WhatsApp chat, you need the mobile number of the person you want to message (they also need to have the app). WhatsApp can also access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts use WhatsApp. If your child has given their mobile number to somebody they don't know, that person could then use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

Ephemeral Messaging

By enabling the 'disappearing messages' option in a chat, users can send messages that will vanish from WhatsApp after seven days. Parents may want to take note of this new feature, which makes monitoring what children are talking about on the app problematic. Equally, if someone sends your child an inappropriate message, once it has disappeared there is no way to prove any wrongdoing.

'Only Admins' and Cyberbullying

Group chats and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

Live Location Sharing

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." Indeed, it is a useful method for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. But if your child is in a chat with people they don't know, it means they will be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Report Potential Scams

Advise your child not to engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report that number as spam. They can also report a contact or a group as spam by tapping on the contact or group name to open their profile and scrolling down to 'report spam'.

Create a Safe Profile

Even though someone would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra precaution it's worth altering your young one's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody'. Choosing one of the latter two ensures their profile is protected.

Use Location Features Sparingly

If your child needs to use 'live location' to show you or their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives 'live location' options of 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can manually choose to stop sharing their position at any time.

Explain about Blocking

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – they would also need to be deleted from the device's address book. The option to block someone is on their contact info screen.

Leave a Group

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they no longer want to be part of, show them how to use the group's settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

Delete Accidental Messages

If your child has posted a message in the wrong chat or sent a message that they immediately regret, they can delete it. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone'. WhatsApp allows seven minutes to delete a message after it's sent – but it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

Fact-Check Messages

You can now fact-check messages that have been forwarded at least five times in WhatsApp, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was accurate or not. It's a good way to encourage young people to question things they see online.

Meet Our Expert

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