



13th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sure that many of you will have been following the news over the past few days. I thought that it would be helpful to provide a summary of the most recent developments for Wirral, which is part of the Liverpool City Region.

From Wednesday, Liverpool City Region will be placed onto the 'Very High' Local Covid Alert Level. The Liverpool City Region includes the local authority districts of Halton, Knowsley, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral, as well as the City of Liverpool. Under the country's new three tiered Local Covid Alert Level system, the **Very High alert level** applies in the areas of greatest concern.

The new restrictions for the Liverpool City Region include:

- Pubs and bars will close. They can only remain open where they operate as if they were a restaurant – which means serving substantial meals, like a main lunchtime or evening meal. They may only serve alcohol as part of such a meal
- Indoor gyms and fitness/dance studios, sports facilities, leisure centres, betting shops, adult gaming centres and casinos will close
- Wedding receptions will not be permitted
- People should try to avoid travelling outside their local area, or entering another area rated "Very High" other than for work, education, accessing youth services, or to meet caring responsibilities
- People should avoid staying overnight in another part of the UK if they are resident in the Liverpool City Region and avoid staying overnight in the Liverpool City Region if they are resident elsewhere

Yesterday's announcements will not change any arrangements we already have in place in school. However, the continued rise in infection rates means that we must all continue to do all we can to prevent the spread of the virus in our school community.

Please remember and keep to the following school arrangements:

- All adults to wear a face covering at drop off and pick up
- Only one adult to come to school for drop off and pick up
- Please arrive and leave promptly when dropping off or collecting your child. Please do not congregate and do maintain 2m social distancing
- All staff will wear face coverings when they come out at drop off and pick up times
- Please ensure that your household adheres to self-isolation rules

If your child or someone in your household displays one of the following symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Get a test and stay at home. Your household must all stay at home until you receive the test results.

We are fortunate that we have not yet had to send a bubble home to self- isolate. I know it can be upsetting to receive a call to collect your child with potential symptoms, but we are all doing what we can to keep our school community safe and need to support each other as best we can with this. Thank you for working with the school to keep our school Covid-secure as far as we are able.

It can be difficult to process all the information that is out there at the moment. There is a lot of talk on the news and on social media about the various arrangements across the country and this can add to the confusion. If it is all getting too much, please know that we will support you in any way we can, even if this is to point you in the right direction of someone that may help.

In some non Covid news....

We have the Parent App up and running for most parents now. There are a few items that may be of most use to you at the moment.

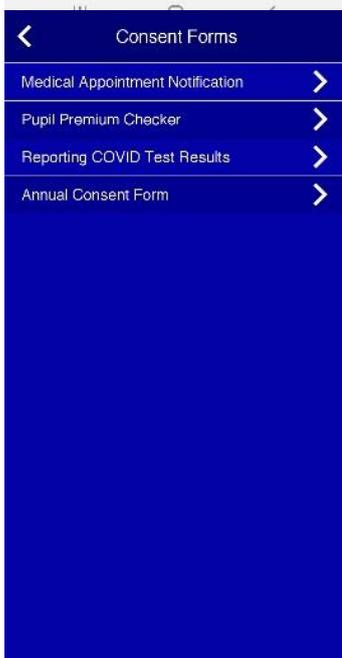


This is the home page of the app and here you will see if there are any unread messages, check term dates, complete any forms or access our school Website. There is also an option to select more which will take you to a larger menu.



The term dates can be added to your own phone calendar by selecting the “+” button next to each date.

* Please note that Friday 23rd October is NOT an inset day. The next inset days we have in school are 12th &13th November.



The “consent form” menu currently has four forms to select from.

*Medical appointment form, to notify us of your child’s absence due to a medical appointment.

*Pupil Premium Checker- we will use this form to identify children who may be eligible for Pupil Premium Funding.

* COVID test results- if you child has been awaiting a test result you can notify us of the outcome using this form and attach a screenshot of the message containing the result.

*Annual Consent Form- This includes consent for photographs and videos, educational visits and food/cookery.

The “more” menu has a number of links to other areas of the App or school website.

Other forms in this menu are the Absence reporting form and the Leave of Absence form.

Please can I remind parents that they must notify school directly of your child’s absence and we cannot accept messages from the bus escorts.

The Absence reporting form is a really quick way of doing this and can be completed at any time of the day.

If you complete a “Leave of Absence” form, we will send a message back via the App to let you know if this request has been granted.



In this menu you can also find a link to the Parents evening booking form and the school payments portal (ParenMail).

The “Additional Contacts” button allows you to add other people to the app such as partners or grandparents, who may have responsibility for childcare, and may need to be aware of whole school communications. We will receive this as a request in school and can approve this if we know who they are.

I hope you find this useful. If you are having any problems, please contact us and we can try and resolve this for you.

A link was sent today for our Parents evening booking form. This will be taking place from next Monday and more detail can be found within the app.

Please note that school closes on Friday 23rd October for half term and we return to school on Monday 2nd November.

Finally, I think it is definitely worth mentioning how happy and settled the children are in school. The children new to school have also settled in really well. It is almost as if we have never been away! The staff have made such a tremendous effort to get the children back into the routine of school and back to learning, We can't wait to share some of the lovely moments we are having in school with you on our website, as soon as we have the Annual consent forms back!

Take care,

Holly

