



NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2021

We have been fully re-opened now for three great weeks and our children have been fantastic at showing true resilience and have returned to school with smiles, enthusiasm and drive.

We know that our children are a credit to Heaton Avenue, but it is always heart-warming to hear this from others. We would like to share this fabulous email we received from a local parent today echoing our views –

I just wanted to drop an email to congratulate you on a number of fantastic students you have in your school.

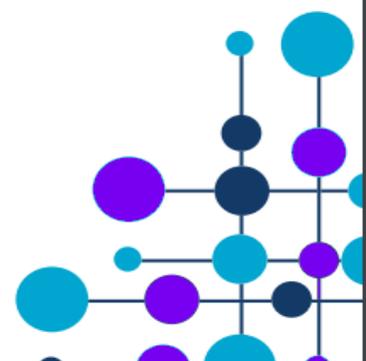
We moved to the area a couple of years ago and, as my boys were already in school, we decided to leave them where they were rather than look at moving them to a more local school. However, if we were looking to move them then the experience we had yesterday would have certainly swayed me to your school.

Yesterday after school, I took my boys to West End Park for a run around and we took their football with us. After a while, they were approached by a group of boys who asked if they wanted a kick about. I didn't catch all their names but one was called Harry, another was called George. They told us that they all went to Heaton Avenue school and they were all in Y6 apart from one boy who was in Y4. They played so nicely with my boys (distanced!) and spoke nicely to my sons as well as to each other. There was no hint of bad language from any of them and they played fairly - even congratulating my own boys when they scored. I 'refed' the match (I'm not much of a player myself) and they were all chatty and polite to me too. Such lovely boys and a really good advert for the sort of children your school produces. I would want to know if my own boys or any of the children I teach were behaving so wonderfully whilst not in the company of their parents or teachers so I thought you might appreciate knowing too.

Well done again!

A huge **WELL DONE** to

George Terry
Willis Terry
Harry Rogerson
Kamron Danby
Aiden Hartfield
Mason Darby



National Online Safety

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are therefore delighted to announce that we have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety- providing resources for all parents and carers.

We have bought an account for all parents in school so you can sign up for courses, webinars, explainer videos, further advice etc etc etc.

So, if you are, like us, baffled with the answers to some of these ever-changing questions...

Do you know what catfishing is?

How do I speak to my child about filters and photo editing apps?

What is an influencer?

Are 'deepfakes' harmful?

My child is talking about Avakin Life; Clubhouse; Cyberpunk 2077; Call of Duty' Overwatch... what are these and are they suitable?

... then please sign up to access brilliant content.

To create your account, please follow <http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/heaton-avenue-primary-school> and complete your details. When you are set up, you will be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type. You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via our brand-new smartphone app.

To download the app, please go to: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at <https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre>

Over the next few weeks and months, we are going to be using the platform a lot more to push out content, updates, training and courses to parents concerning current trends and potential dangers that are around - especially online so please look out for these too. The best thing of all is that each course or webinar gives you a certificate upon completion and who doesn't love to be praised for their efforts!

We would also love to get your feedback on what you think of the website and, as always, if you have any questions or you would like us to set your account up for you (although it is extremely simple!), please get in touch.

Communication with Parents

We would like to remind you that in addition to Class Dojo for daily communication with parents, also have our fantastic MY Ed app and our easy-to-use website available at -

<https://www.heatonavenue.co.uk>

The website and app are available simultaneously to keep parents up to date with news items, policies and all school information.

To download the MyEd app to your smartphone, it is as simple as taking a photograph – select your camera icon and hold the camera over the 'SCAN ME' QR code printed below, select our school, enter your details (which will allow the system to link you with your child). You will then receive a verification code to enter and the app will download. Alternatively, go to your app store and search for MY Ed and download the app.

- MY Ed will allow us to send individual and group messages to parents via the app. It is imperative that you download the app as this will be the primary form of communication to parents
- MY Ed provides a one-stop source of School information including up to date attendance information for your child, key dates, news and general information, and links to all the websites your child uses in school
- MY Ed allow us to send e-forms to parents for events such as surveys etc. Parents can complete forms from your phone, at any time, and immediately return these electronically, saving time, administration and paper
- Parents can message school and report absences through the app at any time of day using the absence hotline message icon

Please can you help support school and ensure effective and efficient two-way communication by downloading the app as soon as possible.

Look on Facebook and Twitter too for our information posts.



An infographic titled 'MY Ed' highlighting key features of the app. It is set against a white background with blue accents. At the top left is the 'MY Ed' logo. The infographic is divided into two rows of three items each. The first row includes: 'Attendance' (95% icon, text: 'Keep up to date with your child's attendance details.'), 'Forms' (clipboard icon, text: 'Fill in forms securely on your app and return them directly to school.'), and 'Important Links' (text: 'Important links to the websites used regularly'). The second row includes: 'Key Dates' (calendar icon, text: 'Important dates the school needs you to know.'), 'News' (book icon, text: 'Access the latest school news.'), and 'Info Packs' (info icon, text: 'Digital information packs reduces time, hassle & paper.'). On the right side, there is a vertical blue box with a download arrow icon, the text 'GET THE APP HERE', and a QR code labeled 'SCAN ME'. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text 'Find out more' and the website address 'www.myedschoolapp.com'.

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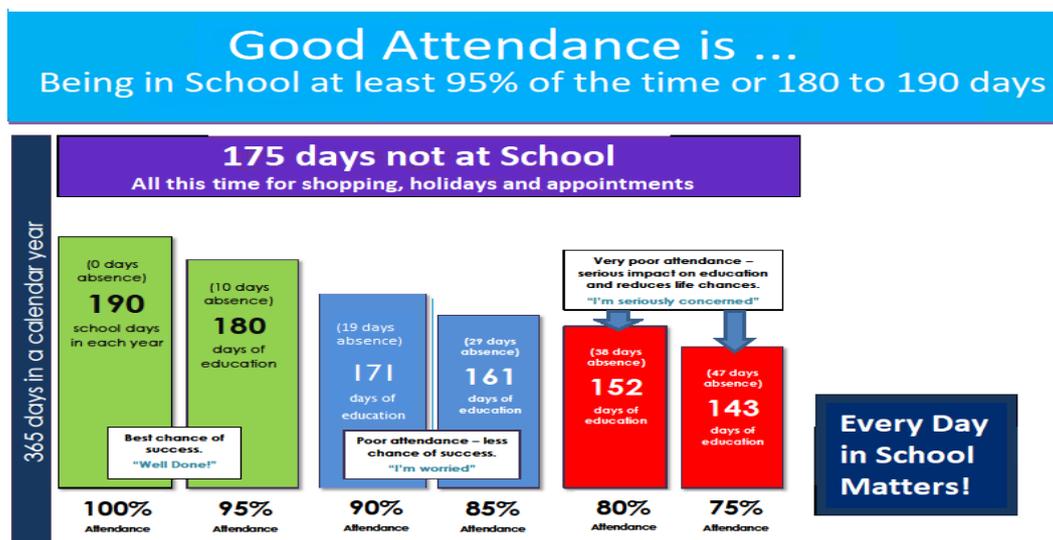
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Attendance and Punctuality Update

Thank you to all parents who have supported our return to school. Our attendance has been excellent so far, and we wish to continue to improve on this great start.

Please help us by making appointments out of school time. Missed time from school means your child is losing valuable learning time and opportunities. Please ensure that if your child is absent from school, you contact the School Office to inform them of the reason for absence. We are legally obliged to follow up absences every day. Our Safeguarding protocol is to telephone all contacts if a child is absent from school. If no contact is made, we will arrange a home visit and if we still are unable to contact, we will inform the Police. Safeguarding children in school is our priority and we ask that you help us by telephoning school and informing us of any absences.

As you can see below, EVERY day matters for your child!



Friends of Heaton Avenue

We held our 'new' Friends of Heaton Avenue meeting last week. Plans are being made for our Memorial Garden for Mrs Starkie and our dedicated parents and staff are looking at fundraising events and grant opportunities to help us raise funds to create a beautiful garden for all the school community to enjoy.

If anyone wishes to join the FHA or would like further information about the group, please contact the office.



Covid-19 Reminders

Please see attached a copy of the isolation flowchart regarding Covid isolation guidance should your child have any Covid symptoms.

We would also like to clarify that if your child has any of the following symptoms, they must get a PCR test, not a Lateral Flow test. Lateral Flow tests are only used for asymptomatic testing. A PCR test can be arranged online. Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> to book an appointment for a PCR Test or order a free PCR home testing kit.

COVID-19 symptoms:

a high temperature,
a new, continuous cough,
you have lost your sense of smell or taste or it has changed.

We would like to thank all parents for their understanding and patience using our one-way systems around school. We are doing our utmost to keep everyone that comes onto school property safe and it is vitally important that all of us adhere to the safe-distancing protocols and restrictions in place to protect us all from Covid-19.

Thank you for your understanding.

School Dinners/After-school and Breakfast Club Payments

Can we remind you that all payments for school meals, after-school club and breakfast club MUST be paid in advance, at the start of the week. We have a few outstanding debts for these payment items. Please can we ask that these are paid as soon as possible.

School dinners are £2.25 per day (£11.25 per week). Payment can be made on Parentpay or at a Paypoint shop using a barcode available from the office.

If you would like information on applying for free school meals, please contact the office or visit <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx>.

If you receive one or more of the following, you can apply for free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is less than £16,190
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

RELATIONSHIPS, SEX & HEALTH EDUCATION (RSHE)

We would like to remind you that our RSHE Policy is available on our website, together with DfE Parent guidance on Understanding Relationships and Health Education in your child's primary school. We recently shared a questionnaire with all parents to obtain feedback on the subject. This is still available for you to complete. Please visit the link below to complete the questionnaire. Your feedback is important to us.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4tvVcxyNYEKecT2iR8O61M6yGB6cwbthk2G8co_V415UMFBIQjY0R0w1T1U1T05QT0oxNUQ4V1pCUS4u

UNIFORM REMINDER

We are very grateful to all parents that, after such a long time out of school, they have been able to send their children back to school in appropriate uniforms. During the Summer Term, we will continue to allow children to come into school in their PE kits on the days they participate in PE lessons, but we ask that you send your child in School PE kits only please. If your child comes into school in a hoodie, they are to remove these whilst inside school and they must wear the expected footwear. We have spare pumps in school and we will be asking children to use these if they come into school in footwear that are not allowed.

Please be reminded of our uniform –

- Navy blue round neck sweatshirt or cardigan with embroidered school logo - Purple polo shirt with embroidered logo (No white shirts or polo shirts)
- Grey tailored school trousers
- Grey pleated, pencil or A-line skirt knee length
- Grey pinafore dress
- Blue or purple gingham summer dresses
- Plain grey or white socks or grey tights
- Black sensible shoes (No trainers)

PE Uniform:

- Purple or lime t-shirt
- Purple or navy shorts
- Black pumps
- Navy jogging bottoms
- Navy hoodie

Any hair bobbles/bands will be of the same colour palette as the uniform.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th April 2021 - PARENTS' EVENING from 3.10pm to 5pm

28th April 2021 - PARENTS' EVENING from 5pm to 8pm

Further information regarding Parents' Evening will be sent out after Easter. The Evenings will be on-line via School Cloud, our new on-line Booking System

12th May 2021 at 4pm - FHA MEETING (Further details to follow)



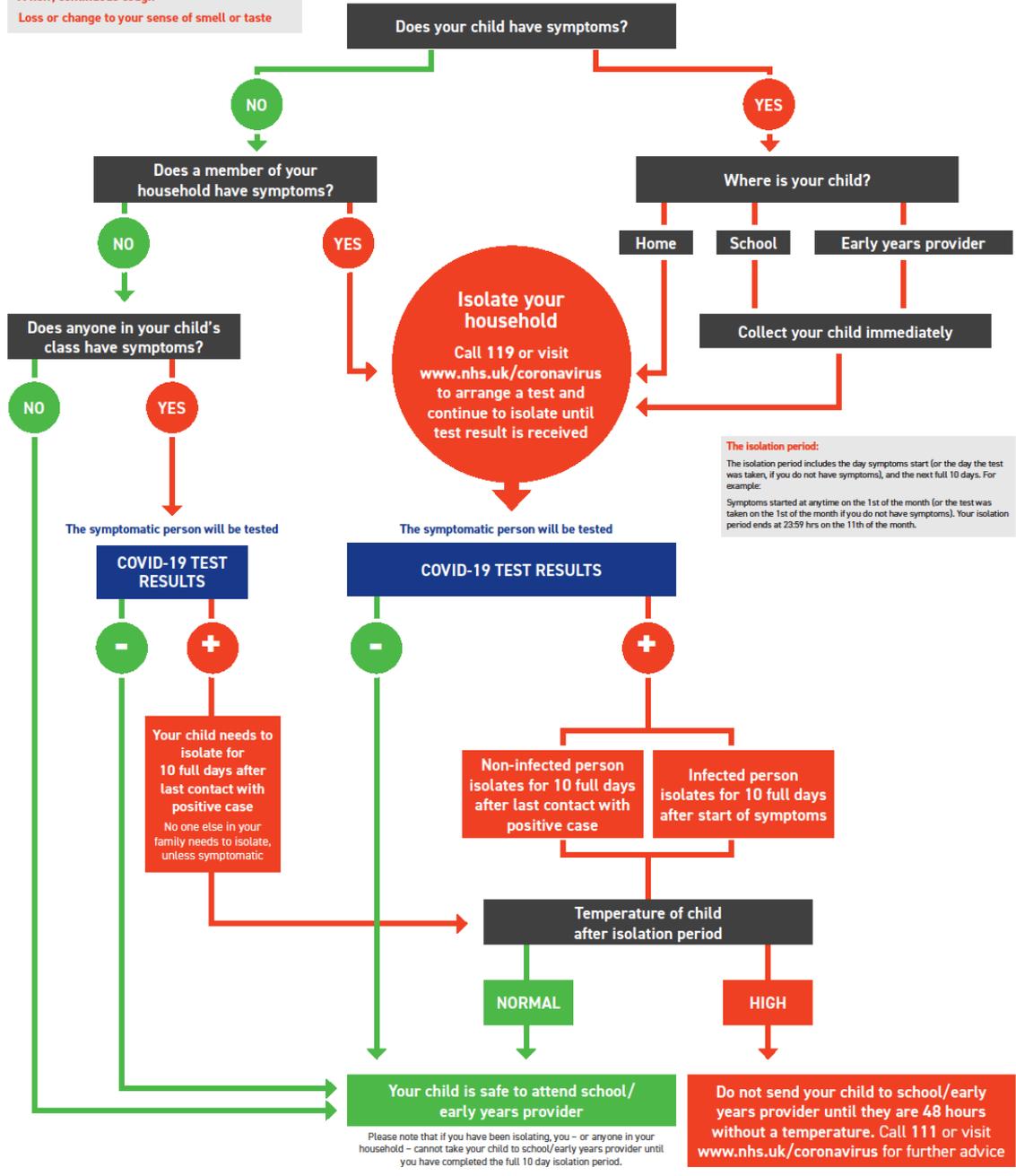
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School child isolation flowchart for parents and carers

Symptoms include:
High temperature - 37.8°C or above
A new, continuous cough
Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste



The isolation period:
The isolation period includes the day symptoms start (or the day the test was taken, if you do not have symptoms), and the next full 10 days. For example:
Symptoms started at anytime on the 1st of the month (or the test was taken on the 1st of the month if you do not have symptoms). Your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 11th of the month.

Please note that if you have been isolating, you - or anyone in your household - cannot take your child to school/early years provider until you have completed the full 10 day isolation period.