



Hathern C of E Primary School

Weekly Update

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Google Classroom

Your children should have by now received an invitation to their new classes in Google Classroom . They will need to login using the same email address and password as last year. Children in EYFS will continue to use Tapestry at this time. Google Classroom may be required should we have to close classes due to a widespread Covid– 19 outbreak (hopefully not) so it is important to be ready. A quick guide on how to use Google Classroom is available on our school website ([link here](#)), if you need reminding of its features. If they/you are having any problems logging in then get in touch via the office.

IMPORTANT: GDPR & Communication

In order to ensure compliance with our GDPR and Safeguarding Policies, we need to ensure that we have up-to-date contact details for your child. If anything has changed over the summer, e.g. home address, mobile phone numbers, additional contact details, etc. then please inform the office asap.

Out of school Opportunities

Our friends at **Hathern Youth Club** have asked us to let you know that Youth Club starts next week – Friday 10th September – at the Village Hall. Children who turn 7 this term are able to attend. See their facebook page for further information – <https://en-gb.facebook.com/Hathernyouthclub/>

Additionally, **SKR Samurai Squad** are coming to Hathern and are recruiting new warriors. Sessions will be run weekly – Thursdays from 6.30pm-8.00pm in the School Hall at a cost of £5 per session. Again, further details can be found by visiting their facebook page – <https://m.facebook.com/warriorsquad/>

Coronavirus/Covid-19 cases

Over the last 7 days, Coronavirus cases in Leicestershire have increased by over 5% (against a National fall of 5%) - this is in all likelihood linked to a return to school for children in the county. At school, we have had one reported positive case this week and are aware of one or two parents who have also tested positive. In order to protect our community from widespread outbreaks it is important that we continue to manage the risk by following these guidelines:



- If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 - those being a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a new loss of sense of taste or smell—then they must not come into school and you must book a PCR test. Your child must stay at home until the test result has been obtained. A positive return means that your child must stay at home and isolate for 10 days. A negative test means that your child can return to school.
- We no longer have responsibility for identifying close contacts of those infected - close contacts will instead be identified via NHS Test and Trace. Therefore, there may be positive cases at school which you do not hear about as you are not required to isolate. As parents, you may be contacted to help with identifying close contacts if your child records a positive case.
- If a member of your household tests positive for Covid-19, then close contacts of a confirmed case under 18 will no longer be required to self-isolate. However, they will be required to engage with test and trace and take a PCR test.

Seasonal flu vaccination

The flu vaccination programme is a high priority within public health policy every year. However, in light of the risk of flu and Covid-19 co-circulating this winter, the national flu immunisation programme will be absolutely essential to protecting vulnerable people and supporting the resilience of the health and care system. In the current context of Covid-19, the importance of improving uptake of the vaccination and reducing the impact of flu cannot be understated.

This year, as in previous years, children in all yeargroups will be invited to receive the vaccination. This will take place on Thursday 11th November at school. You will receive a letter next month with further information and a request for permission to administer the vaccination. Uptake at Hathern is always high with around 95% of children receiving the vaccination each year.