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12<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Parents Telephone Consultations**

As you will already be aware, we are due to hold Parent Consultations in the **week beginning the 18th October 2021**. Due to advice from the Local Authority Outbreak Team to increase additional protective measures for COVID-19 in school, we will now be holding our Autumn Term parent consultations via telephone. Please see separate letter with a link to book your appointment. The below table details, which class's consultations will take place:

Class	Date
Reception / Columba / Mrs Taylor	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Year 1-2 / Leonis / Miss Smith	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Year 2-3 / Perseus / Mrs Harris	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Year 3-4 / Draco / Mrs Johnson-Allen	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2021

Due to changes in staffing within our Nursery, we have scheduled for our parent consultations for Nursery learners to take place after the half term holiday.

**Scooters/Bikes**

When children bring scooters/bikes onto the school grounds, please can parents ensure that they are supervised appropriately to ensure the safety of others. Please ensure that scooters/bikes are parked by the 'parent's notice board' next to the small gate as you enter the pathway up to the main schoolyard. Children should not be riding scooters or bikes onto the main schoolyard. We are currently looking into raising funds for a scooter or bike park to support and encourage those who wish to travel to school by scooter or bike safely.

**School Uniform / Long Hair**

Please ensure that your child is coming to school in the correct uniform. Spot checks will be taking place over the next couple of weeks. For updated uniform requirements, please visit the school website or click the link below:

<https://www.squirrelhayes.staffs.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

Just a reminder that its school policy that long hair is tied up to help control head lice.

**School Nurse Survey**

We have been asked to share a short survey on the School Nurse Service in Staffordshire for Children and young people, parents and carers and schools. The survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and will help to inform on what is working well and any areas that need some improvement.

The survey will open on the 1st October and close on the 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Please find links and QR codes to the surveys below.

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Parent and Carers Survey:



<https://consultation.staffordshire.gov.uk/childrens-and-families/school-nurse-survey-parents-and-carers>

Data Collection Sheets



Please return your data collection sheet as a priority. If you require another copy, please let the school office know. Please ensure that we have at least 2 contacts for emergencies and safeguarding purposes.

Entrust Catering Jobs

Chartwells are excited to announce that we are currently recruiting several roles in all three services we provide within Staffordshire and neighboring counties.

**Compass Recruits**  
Powering Compass Group

**Job Opportunity**  
Job Title: Cook Supervisor

Location: Staffordshire / Neighboring counties  
Location:

Pay Rate: £9.21  
Hours: TBC

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our team, helping to support our clients and customers as part of the UK's no.1 food and support services business.

Scan the QR code below to apply now!



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**Compass Recruits**  
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**Job Opportunity**  
Job Title: Catering Assistance

Location: Staffordshire / Neighboring counties  
Location:

Pay Rate: £8.91  
Hours: TBC

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Childhood respiratory Illness

Locally our Urgent Emergency Care (UEC) services, including A&Es and Minor Injuries Units, are already extremely busy and we have started to see a steady increase in patients presenting with childhood respiratory illnesses - most of which are mild or minor symptoms which could be treated at home. **The message to parents is:** Parents with children who are experiencing mild or minor respiratory illness such as a sore throat, cough or cold are being urged to first get tested for COVID-19. Parents are also being encouraged to stock up their

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medicine cabinets so that they are prepared to treat minor symptoms and illnesses at home. Emergency Departments or A&E should only be used for life-threatening emergencies.



### Childhood Respiratory Illnesses – mild or minor symptoms could be treated at home

During the last year there has been a 'remarkable reduction' in respiratory viral infections other than COVID-19, because of social distancing measures. This has meant an increasing number of young children have never been exposed to mild viruses.

NHS England warned earlier in the year that a possible increase in childhood respiratory illnesses was on its 'radar', and this might cause an issue moving forward. The reason for the expected surge is that we have had two winters where children have had limited exposure to common respiratory illnesses. A prolonged period of low-rate respiratory virus transmission means that the majority children have not experienced mild respiratory illness for some time and babies who may have been born during the first lockdown, have not had chance to build a strong immunity because of social distancing.

Locally our Urgent Emergency Care (UEC) services are already extremely busy and we have started to see a steady increase in patients presenting with childhood respiratory illnesses - most of which are mild or minor symptoms which could be treated at home.

If your child is feeling unwell with a cough, cold or sore throat, book a COVID-19 test at one of our community testing centres as soon as possible to ensure their condition is not COVID-19. If the test is negative, visiting your local community pharmacy is the quickest and most convenient way to access care, advice and medicines that may ease your child's symptoms.

If your child is feeding, drinking, eating and breathing normally and there's no wheezing, a cough is not usually anything to worry about.

Parents are also being encouraged to stock up their medicine cabinets so that they are prepared to treat minor symptoms and illnesses at home. Here is a list of things that can be bought from a pharmacy or supermarket which might help you care for an unwell child at home.

- Children's paracetamol
- Children's ibuprofen (children with asthma may not be able to take ibuprofen (check with a pharmacist))
- Digital thermometer
- Vapor rub
- Children's cough syrup
- Nasal saline drops
- Honey (*not suitable for under 12 months*)
- Ice-lollies
- Soft tissues

If your child's temperature is very high (38C or more), they feel hot and shivery or have a distinctive barking cough that makes a harsh sound, known as a stridor when they breath in, contact your GP, go to 111.nhs.uk or download the NHS app.

It is normal for a child to have eight or more colds a year, this is because there are hundreds of different cold viruses. Children gradually build up immunity and get fewer colds over time. Most colds get better in five to seven days but can take up to two weeks in small children.

If your child is unable to swallow fluids or saliva or have any difficulty breathing, go to A&E or call 999 immediately as they may need urgent treatment in hospital.

If you have any questions or queries about anything in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to ask,  
Take care and stay safe,

Mrs. E. J. Pickford (Headteacher) & Team

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