



The Pink Letter



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Dear Parents/Carers

18th September 2020

Thank you to all those parents that have returned their Covid-19 home school agreements. These were sent out via email as well as a paper copy, in the first week of term. It is really important that all these forms are returned as it outlines the role of parents, children and school if there are signs of Covid-19 symptoms. At the moment there are lots of colds around and parents are finding it difficult to make an informed decision about sending their child into school. I have attached a flow chart which will help support your decision.

Our value this term is friendship and all the children have heard the Bible story The Man on the Roof (Luke 5:17-39) which showed the kindness of friends. It is so difficult to ask you all to leave straight away after pick up and drop off as this is where so many friendships are built and formed. However, I do really appreciate everyone following the guidelines so we can keep the community safer in these difficult times.

All staff are currently undergoing training in order to use TEAMS to provide online learning, should bubbles need to close, or if staff need to quarantine. Over the next few weeks, children will be taught how to access this system so they are prepared to access this system.

School is such a better place with all the children back and learning. We are really enjoying the atmosphere and buzz around school, which was lost during lockdown. It is paramount that we continue to communicate with the parents so feel free to catch me in the mornings, send an email or contact the office. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please send them an email or speak to them over the railings at the end of the school day.

St. Loe's School Exhibition Trust

This charitable fund exists for the benefit of students who live in the parish of Woodchester or the tithing of the parish of Minchinhampton which includes Amberley and the Watledge district of Nailsworth.

Applications are invited from students living in these areas who are planning to attend university, further education college or to start an apprenticeship.

Please apply to Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. Varley for a form. Telephone – 01453 832251

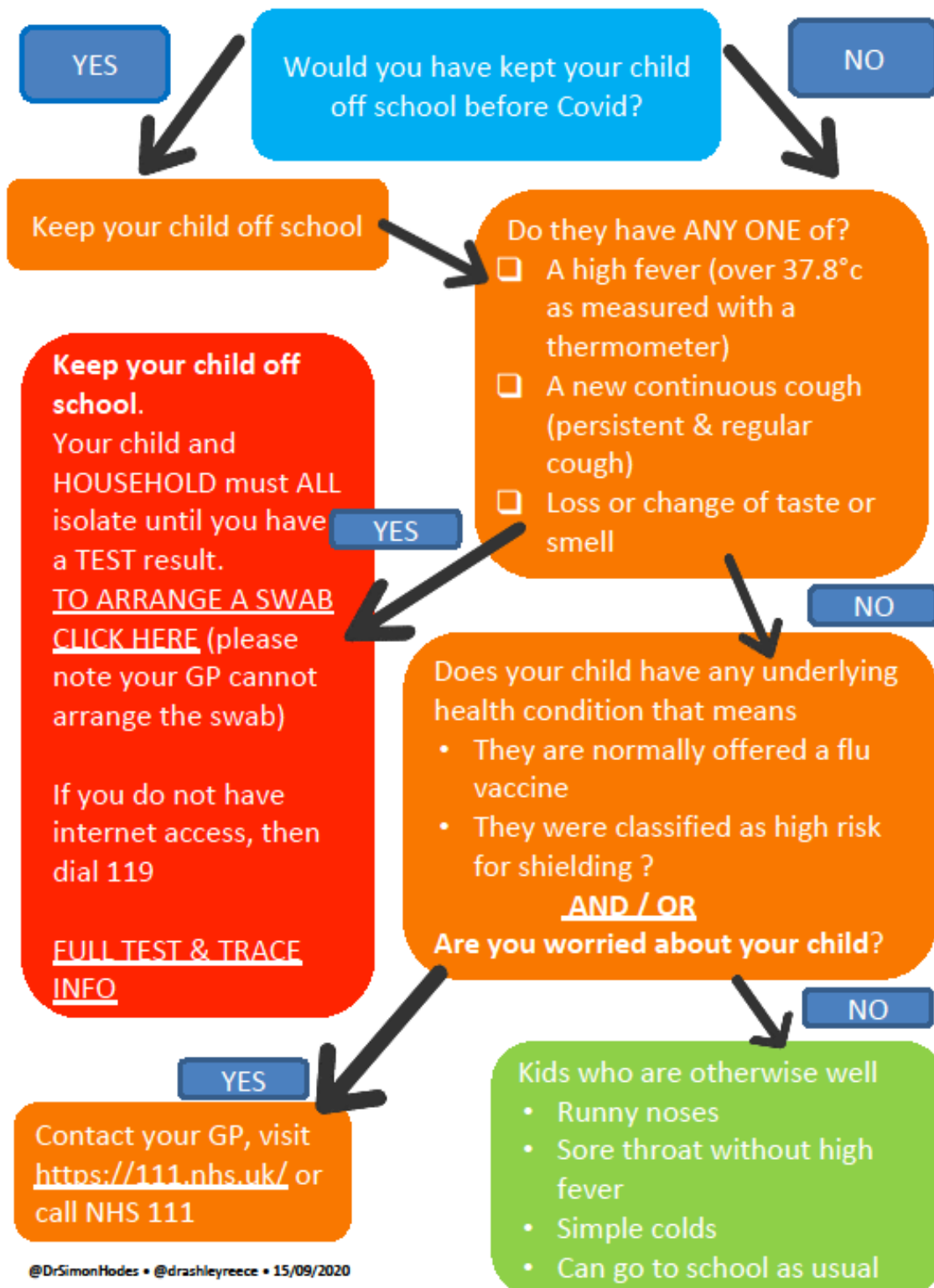
Amberley Allotment Gardens Trust

Blackwell Memorial Hall Trust

These are two small trusts in the village which are able to make modest grants to individuals or organisations in order to help support educational and community needs. The criteria for application are either to live in, or have a connection to, the Amberley Parish. The trusts are keen to support students in further education, and particularly to help with the purchase of books and equipment. The trusts have supported this community and those with connection to it for many years.

Bids for grants, in letter form, should be addressed to the Clerk to the Trustees. Queries as to eligibility should also be taken up with the Clerk. Trustees of both trusts meet in early March and September to consider bids.

Please apply to Clerk to the Trustees, Windyridge, Amberley, Stroud, GL5 5AA



Amberley School Home Agreement in Response to Covid 19.



Becoming reflective, independent and aspirational learners for life

At Amberley, our aim is to create confident, well-rounded and motivated children, who are guided by strong Christian values. The Amberley Vision wheel incorporates all the elements of our school vision; the foundations we believe are necessary for each of us to grow into strong adults who lead fruitful lives.

The vision permeates through everything we do, using core Christian values and biblical teachings as vehicles for life. We use the Parable of the Sower to unite our school community in its understanding of what we hope to achieve. The story helps us to understand the elements that are needed to grow into *reflective, independent and aspirational learners for life*.



The Amberley Vision Wheel

This agreement sets out the expectations for school, parents and children as we reopen the school for more children.

SCHOOL

The school will do its best to:

- ✓ Follow guidance provided by the Government and the Local Authority;
- ✓ Provide an environment which has been risk assessed in response to the COVID-19 infection;
- ✓ Adhere to the social distancing rules as set out by the Government as much as we reasonably can;
- ✓ Provide a curriculum that meets the needs of your child's well-being, mental health and academic needs;
- ✓ Contact parents if your child displays symptoms of COVID-19;
- ✓ Inform you if staff or children in your child's 'bubble' show symptoms of COVID-19 as a positive test result will mean your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days;
- ✓ Continue our clear and consistent approach to rewards and sanctions for children as set out in the Managing Behaviour Policy as well the expectations outlined in this agreement;
- ✓ Communicate between home and school through newsletters, email and the school website.

PARENTS

To help my child at school, I know and understand that:

- ✓ If my child, or anyone in my household, shows symptoms of COVID-19, I will not send them to school, we will self-isolate for 14 days as a family, I will get them tested and I will let the school know as soon as possible via telephone;
- ✓ If my child shows symptoms of COVID-19 at school, I will collect my child from school immediately;
- ✓ On my commute, and when dropping my child off and picking them up, I will adhere to the government social distancing rules and the one-way system for the school lane;
- ✓ When dropping off and picking up, I will strictly stick to the school timings for my child;
- ✓ I must let the school know if my child is unable to use hand sanitiser and any other additional medical needs;
- ✓ Apart from a lunchbox, a water bottle and reading book, my child must not bring any items into school with them or take items home from school;
- ✓ My child will have their temperature taken during the day if they feel or present as being unwell;
- ✓ I will need to remind my child about social distancing rules but accept they are difficult to follow and that my child may not always do this successfully;
- ✓ My child will need to use good respiratory and hand hygiene;
- ✓ I will not be allowed into the school – communication must be done via email or telephone;
- ✓ I need to support all staff in their efforts to create an 'as safe as possible' environment during this crisis;
- ✓ Read all letters/messages/emails that are sent home;
- ✓ I need to inform the school immediately of any changes to parents/carers and emergency contacts details;
- ✓ If my child is deemed unsafe, he/she will be sent home and cannot return to school until they can be safe. This may be a fixed term exclusion or as part of an individual risk assessment.

CHILDREN

I will do my best to:

- ✓ Adhere to the social distancing rules in class and in the playground;
- ✓ Tell an adult if I feel unwell;
- ✓ Not bring things into school from home, or take things from home from school;
- ✓ Only use the equipment provided to me by school;
- ✓ Not mix with other children in the school outside of my 'bubble';
- ✓ Only enter and exit the school building from the designated doors;
- ✓ Follow good respiratory hygiene: coughing and sneezing into elbow or tissue (catch it-bin it-kill it);
- ✓ Follow good hand hygiene – use soap and water for 20 seconds/ hand sanitiser;
- ✓ Behave well at all times to maintain the safety of myself and others;
- ✓ Follow the Amberley Vision Wheel expectations and know that, if I don't, I may be sent home and will not be able to come back into school until I can be safe.


Parents are asked to discuss all these safety measures with their child. By sending your child into school, it is taken that you agree with all of the measures listed above. Please email head@amberley.gloucs.sch.uk or admin@amberley.gloucs.sch.uk if you have any questions or concerns about our measures to mitigate the risk of transmitting COVID-19.

Signed _____ (pupil)

Signed _____ (parent)

Signed _____ (teacher)

MENU

WEEK	• MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MENU 1 Week beginning: 7 th Sep 21 st Sep 5 th Oct 19 th Oct £2.35 per meal (If applicable) 	MAIN(V) Veggie Pasty With Tomato Sauce & Warm Wild Rice Salad *Δ Vegan Available	MAIN Beef Cottage Pie With Seasonal Side Vegetables *	MAIN Chicken Satay With Noodles * Contains Peanuts	MAIN Vegetarian Lasagne With Seasonal Greens * Vegan	MAIN Beef or Vegan Burger Bun With Lettuce & Tomato & Oven Roast Chips Ketchup & Mayo Available *
	MAIN (V) Fusilli Pasta With Butternut Squash Sauce, Greens & Optional Cheese Δ Vegan Without Cheese	MAIN (V) Super Cheese & Tomato Pizza Slice With Seasonal Side Vegetables * Vegan option available	MAIN (V) Jacket Potato With Baked Beans & Optional Cheese Δ Vegan without Cheese	MAIN (V) Sweet Potato Falafel With Rice & Tomato Sauce * Vegan	MAIN (V) Pesto Pasta With Seasonal Side Vegetables & Optional Cheese *Δ Vegan without Cheese
	DESSERT Raspberry Jelly * Vegan	DESSERT Lemon & Ginger Cookie * Vegan	DESSERT Carrot Cake * Vegan	DESSERT Vanilla Cookie * Vegan	DESSERT Banana & Chocolate Cake * Vegan

The giving machine - Give For Free Every Time You Shop Online

The Giving Machine is an award winning charity set-up to give money to schools and charities. Their idea is a very simple one - when you buy something online via The Giving Machine, your purchase automatically generates a sales commission that is turned into a charitable donation. They work with over 2,000 online shops including Amazon, John Lewis, Marks & Spencer, Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Argos and eBay.

Amberley School is signed up as a cause with The Giving Machine - it is a great way to raise funds without it costing you a penny.

With everyone gearing up for Christmas shopping, now seems the perfect time to make a plea:

If you have not already signed up to The Giving Machine, **PLEASE DO IT NOW!**

Signing up is easy to do



GOLDEN BOOK AWARD
18/09/2020

DEXTER
Whole Class

HEREFORD
Pip
Theo
Ruth
Harrison

FRIESIAN
Millan
Henry
Arianne
Immy

BELTED
GALLOWAY
Chloe
Rory
Adam
Fenella