



Autumn Term Issue 1

# Churchfields Infants' School Newsletter

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## Welcome Back



It gives me great pleasure to be writing our first newsletter of the new academic year. We are all excited and relieved that we have been able to open for all our children this week. It has been a long time and we have missed you all very much.

We have worked hard to implement guidance from the government to ensure that our school is as safe as can be for our children, our staff, our families and the wider community. Once more, our building is full of happy, smiley children engaged in their play and learning.

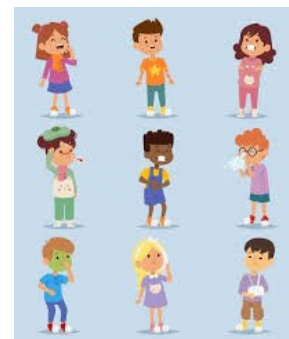
We are looking forward to watching the children grow and learn over the next few weeks. We are busy making plans to offer alternative arrangements for our usual parental partnership events. We will keep you informed when we have more details.

## Feeling Unwell

It is inevitable that our very young children may develop colds and illnesses over the next few weeks and months. We have received a few queries over the last few days asking when children should be in and when they should stay at home. The government guidance is very clear. If a child or staff member displays any symptoms of Covid-19, they must stay at home and either take a Covid test or isolate for 10 days.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal



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**We know that young children will often develop a high temperature when they have a cold and that in normal times we would encourage children to attend school, but at this current time we cannot allow children to come to school who display any of the symptoms above.**

We ask that you work with us and that families are flexible during these challenging times. We have worked so hard to ensure our school is safe and we do not wish to jeopardise this in any way. Please do not give your child Calpol or other paracetamol products and send them to school if they are unwell. This may mask the temperature and if they develop a temperature later in the day, they will need to be removed from class until you are able to collect them.

We understand that at present it is difficult to book a test online but have been advised by Redbridge that there is a walk-in test centre at Mildmay Road Car Park, Mildmay Road, Ilford IG1 1DT.

We know that this may cause difficulties for our working parents but we ask for your patience and flexibility so we can keep our school safe.