



MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL Number 15 23 March 2021

PARENT/CARER'S NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this week's roundup – and remember you can also keep up to date at www.milton.cambs.sch.uk

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well Easter is nearly upon us after a brief return to school. It has been good to re-establish routines over the past 3 weeks and get updated assessments on the children. Who would have predicted the journey of the past year as we mark a year's passing since the very first lockdown?

COVID Update

Even if you've had the vaccine, you must follow the rules to help stop the spread of Covid-19.

- ✓ **Stay 2m apart from those outside of your household or bubble**
- ✓ **Wear a face covering when inside public spaces like supermarkets**
- ✓ **Stay home and only travel when essential**

#ThisDependsOnUs

Help us keep coronavirus out of school

Take part in twice weekly rapid Covid-19 home testing.

Households with school-age children can now test themselves twice a week from home using rapid Covid-19 home testing kits.

With up to one in three individuals with coronavirus showing no symptoms, it means some can potentially spread Covid-19 without knowing it. Regular testing of people who are unable to stay at home and don't have symptoms means that people with Covid-19 can be detected early and can self-isolate.

As children and young people return to the classroom, we need to be sure that potential Covid-19 cases are found as quickly as possible and that measures are put in place to prevent them from spreading throughout the school community. Although cases are declining generally, we all need to continue to play our part to keep the virus under control and ensure children and young people can remain in education.

Rapid Covid-19 home testing kits will be available for asymptomatic **adults** living in households with primary and secondary-age pupils, including their childcare and support bubbles;

Testing is for adults only. (Secondary school and college pupils will also undertake regular testing which will be provided via their school or college) Primary school pupils are not being offered rapid testing at this time but parents and carers should access a PCR Covid-19 lab test for them via the national booking system if they develop symptoms.

To find out where you can collect home test kits, visit: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

If you are unable to collect, you can order online to be delivered to your home: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or by calling 119.

You do not need to book an appointment or provide ID to collect your home testing kits. Each test kit contains seven lateral flow tests and instructions. You can get up to 28 tests at a time depending on the size of your household. The test usually involves taking a sample from your throat and from your nose, using a swab. You can get a result in 30 minutes. Rapid tests don't identify all cases of Covid-19, so if your home rapid Covid-19 test is negative, it is vital you continue to follow government guidelines of social distancing, wearing face coverings and sanitising hands. If the test is positive, you should inform your child's school or college and self-isolate immediately with the rest of your household. You will be required to take a lab PCR Covid-19 test to confirm the result – you can book this at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirustest> or call 119. If you have coronavirus symptoms get a lab PCR Covid-19 test.

Self-isolation payment

Parents and carers of children who need to self-isolate during the pandemic may be eligible for a one-off payment of £500 from the Government's Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme. The payment aims to offer support to parents and carers who are having to take time off work with their children or are facing other expenses. Further information on the support available in your area can be found here:

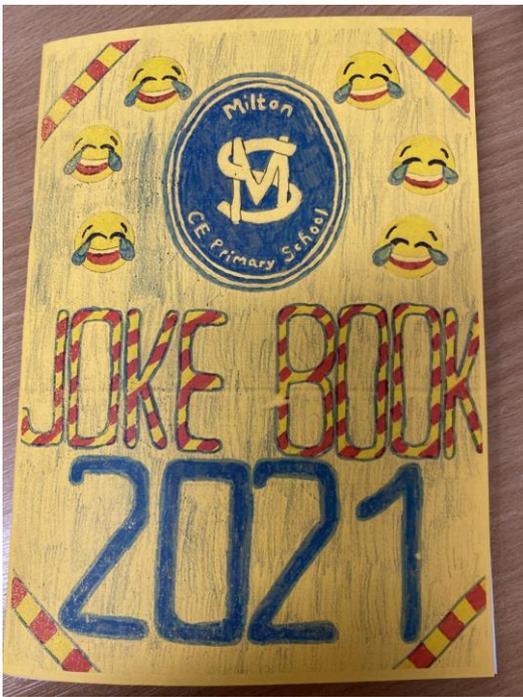
- <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-trace>
- <https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/healthcare/public-health/coronavirus/test-and-trace>



Red Nose day

It was an enjoyable end to a busy week in school and lovely to be in school seeing the children in all their crazy hair and red clothing.

I have enjoyed reading the fine selection of jokes that the Year 6 team compiled into our very own joke book.



Parent Consultations

These will be taking place on the 27th and 29th April. We will continue to hold them remotely. This time around we are using The School Cloud to run the appointments and booking systems (as recommended by our local secondary schools.) All video calls are encrypted between teachers and parents. There is no app for the teacher or parent to install. You simply use your web browser. It will allow for efficient scheduling and the teacher/ parent is automatically connected to the next person in their appointment schedule so nothing should over run.

<https://support.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

Please see attached letter for further details about how to book your appointment, **which will go live from 9 am on Monday 12th April 2021.**

Parent Pay – New Online Payment App

After Easter Holidays we are launching the above payment system. Details are attached to this parentmail.

Pupil Achievements



Theeran is very interested in Lego building, and his Dinosaur City Lego model was selected and published in the Lego Magazine last week.



Zinovia has been supporting the Living Paintings charity with lots of reading.

Non-Uniform day on Thursday to mark the end of term.

Have a good Easter break everyone,

Kind regards,
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Headteacher