

Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy

Welcome to Mrs. Chandler's news
21st October 2021



This half term has been very busy in the life of the academy. The children have settled into school life really well and have worked hard ready for their half term holiday.

We hope that you all have a lovely break and that you and your families keep as safe as possible.

If your child tests positive in the first 48 hours of the school holidays, i.e. on Friday 22nd or Saturday 23rd October, please could I ask you to let the school know by emailing

office@tynselparkesacademy.co.uk and include the following details:

1. Name of your child and year group
2. Date the symptoms first appeared
3. Date of the positive PCR test
4. Date child was last in school

We will then be able to inform any close contacts. Thank you.

Flu Spray - 1st November 2021 Reception to Year 4:

Information regarding the Flu Spray has been sent out via Parent Pay to all children in Reception to Year 4.

Electronic Consent - The School Age Immunisation Team is moving towards paperless vaccination programmes and the use of e-Consent is quick and easy to use, and can be completed on any electronic device.

Click on this link <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/> to complete the consent form.

Your school Code is **SS143896**

Please complete the e-consent form by **9am on 28th October 2021**.

Please ensure that you complete and submit your child's consent form promptly, whether you wish your child to be immunised or not and only submit one consent form per child. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Immunisation Team on 0300 124 0366 or email school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk not the school.

Leaf:

This week the whole school have taken part in a themed week, centered on the book Leaf; a lovely book about a Polar Bear. The children have completed pieces of written work and excellent artwork relating to the book, whilst talking about how we are all special and unique!



Harvest Festival:

After a few technical difficulties the Harvest Festival is now available to view [here](#) on the Worship page of our website.

Parents' Evening:

Please ensure you have made an appointment for **Tuesday 2nd November or Thursday 4th November, between 4pm and 5:30pm**. It is an important opportunity for you to discuss how your child is settling into their new classes.

Reception and Nursery Open Morning Event

This year we will be holding an 'Open Morning' on **Saturday 27th November, 10am-12noon**, for Reception and Nursery 2022 new starters. See poster below. Due to COVID restrictions appointments will be required for visits. All visitors must wear a mask please.

For your
Calendar

22nd October
Inset Day

25th Oct – 29th Oct
Half Term

1st November
School Open

17th December
Term Ends

Tynsel Parkes C.E Primary Academy

Open Morning

for Nursery & Reception new starters 2022



* **Saturday 27th November 2021**
10.00am to 12.00noon.

Please contact us to book your personalised tour of Early Years, meet our dedicated teaching staff and see all that our wonderful school can offer.



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Tynsel Parkes provides high quality teaching for children aged 3-9yrs.
Onsite wrap around care from 7.30am. Plus a flexible and creative nursery setting offering up to 30-hours funded places for children aged 3-4yrs.

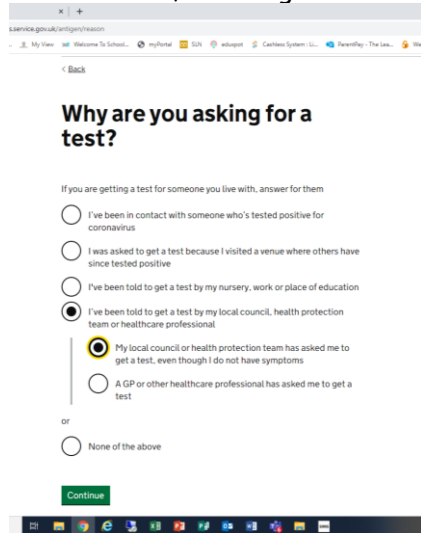


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Covid-19 – PCR Testing:

We have had quite a few enquiries this week regarding PCR testing and thought this information may be useful. If you are contacted by the school and advised to get a PCR test you need to book a test here <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If your child has no symptoms you need to select the following option "I've been told to get a test by my local council", see image below:



The screenshot shows a web form with the following options:

- If you are getting a test for someone you live with, answer for them
- I've been in contact with someone who's tested positive for coronavirus
- I was asked to get a test because I visited a venue where others have since tested positive
- I've been told to get a test by my nursery, work or place of education
- I've been told to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional
- My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms
- A GP or other healthcare professional has asked me to get a test

or

- None of the above

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Postal tests are much slower than booking a test at a local drive through testing centre. Parents who have used the local drive through testing centres have generally had their PCR results back either overnight or the next day meaning children are missing 1-2 days of school.

There are always tests available in Stoke and Stafford and at certain times there are mobile testing stations too which are usually much closer like Cheadle and Denstone.

We look for support from parents to minimise spread in the setting by not sending pupils to school if their siblings have tested positive. This is based on the likelihood that the sibling will become infectious due to being a household contact. The more time a child/adult spends with a positive case the greater the likelihood of them having COVID. We would also encourage the pupil to get a PCR test.

School Reception:

Please could we politely request that any parents and visitors that need to come to the school reception to drop off or collect children wear a mask.

School Uniform:

Please could we ask parents to ensure children are sent to school wearing our school uniform. Hoodies and non-uniform **should not** be worn for PE days. If you do not have the full school uniform we do have some preloved uniform in school, please contact the school office.

We do have several classes where head lice have been reported recently, for this reason we do ask children to have their hair tied up, this is especially important for PE lessons. Earrings, if worn, should be a small stud, that children can remove themselves for PE lessons.

Reception and Middle School Places 2022:

We have sent home letters to all children in Year 4 and Nursery regarding applications for places in Middle School and Reception. Applications for both Middle School and Reception will open on 1st November and close on 15th January, www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Support for Low Income Families

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for their child, for any child from Reception class upwards. Claiming free school meals not only provides free meals for your child's time at school but also provides additional funding for the school which we can use to help support you and your child.

The funding is used to help support your child's education but also other things like funding all school trips. Staffordshire County Council also provide additional support for families in receipt of free school meals such as vouchers for shopping.

You can do a quick check to see if you are eligible via:

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/>

or contact the school office where we can check for you on your behalf.