

Tame Valley Academy

**Friday 13th
November 2020**



Newsletter



COVID: KEY REMINDERS



Covid Symptoms

If your child or anyone in your household has a new persistent cough, temperature or loss or change to senses of taste and / or smell, please arrange for the person with symptoms to receive a Covid test as soon as possible. While you are waiting for the test / test results, **YOUR CHILD MUST NOT ATTEND SCHOOL AND THIS WILL NOT AFFECT THEIR ATTENDANCE FIGURE FOR THE YEAR.**

If the test is negative, your child may return to school immediately. If the test is positive, please inform school and we will let you know when your child is able to return.

Self Isolation

We are receiving increasing numbers of phone calls from concerned parents and local residents who are aware that children who should be self isolating are playing out with their friends, going to the local shops etc.

If your child or anyone in your household has been asked to self isolate, **THEY MUST NOT LEAVE THEIR HOUSE FOR 14 DAYS.**

National Lockdown

As you will be aware from the news, from 05.11.20—02.12.2020, England is in a second period of national lockdown. Lots of children are telling us in school that they are continuing to visit the houses of friends and family and playing together outside of school. We really do understand some of the difficulties that can be brought about by sticking to the national lockdown rules, but they are in place to hopefully bring down transmission rates and keep us all safe.

We wholeheartedly encourage all our children and families to still to the lockdown rules. The more we are all able to work together, the more quickly we will get through this.

Mental Health / Wellbeing Support

If any families are finding it difficult to cope with the current situation and feel that they would benefit from any kind of support, please come and speak to us. This includes if any families require access to food parcels. If we don't know, we can't help.

It's ok to not be ok.
Some days are just
harder than others.



Communication with School Staff

Unfortunately, a few parents recently have been verbally aggressive or abusive towards school staff. This is unacceptable and will not be tolerated on school premises or on the phone. School staff are always here to listen to any concerns parents may have, but we would ask that these are communicated in a respectful and appropriate manner. We will, of course, always listen and do our best to address any issues that may arise.

School staff are working harder and in more difficult circumstances than ever before. It would be really nice to hear lots of positive comments and for staff to feel appreciated and valued, as I know they are by the vast majority of our families. Thank you.

Breakfast Club: Reminder

Due to rising costs, we have had to increase the price of our breakfast club. The cost per session (7.45am—8.55am) is now £2.00 per child and £1.50 for any additional siblings.

In addition, we are NO LONGER OFFERING FREE PLACES FOR CHILDREN ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

If any parents require any support in accessing breakfast club. Due to these changes, please come and speak to Mrs Bisconti in the school office.

Reading Books

We are so pleased that our children are now able to take books home again to support them with their reading. Books are issued on Mondays. Please make sure that they are brought back into school on FRIDAYS so they can be quarantined before being reissued the following week. If children do not return books, they will not be able to have new ones. Thank you.

