



Sheerness West Federation Week Ahead 10 May 2021



Federation Message from Mrs Pattenden ...

Dear Parents/Carers

On behalf of the Federation, we hope you had a good Bank Holiday weekend.

This week has been yet another very busy one in both schools ending in a great Number Day, raising money for a worthy cause.

It has been a privilege taking part in meetings talking about the progress of every child and how they are happy and engaged in their learning. It is also lovely to hear about some exciting ideas for the future as lockdown restrictions hopefully lift! (Fingers crossed!)

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID OR IS UNWELL

We are asking all parents to ensure that you **do not send your child to school if they are suffering with one of the 3 main symptoms, please keep them at home if you have any concerns.** If you do keep your child home, you must, of course, notify school in the normal way.

We would also remind parents of the following:

1. **If someone in your household tests positive the whole household MUST isolate for 10 days – please inform the school urgently via the office email between 8-4 or via ClassDojo if out of hours.** Nobody from the household should go out even if they have no symptoms. (if this is from a lateral flow test you have done **at home**, you should then get a PCR test, and once again let us know the result.)
2. **If someone in your household has symptoms or is getting a test, everyone should stay at home whilst that person gets a test. Children should not attend school during that time.** If the result is negative you can return to normal. If the result is positive you must follow the above points in number 1.

Federation message from Ms Brewer and Mrs Mackay

Dear Parents/Carer

As Mrs Pattenden said above we are all busy planning and arranging exciting opportunities for all the children to support them in their learning and development. The children have all engaged in their learning and settled back into school routines well and the school environment is very enjoyable. The vast majority of parents, carers and other visitors to our schools are supportive of the school communities and act in a reasonable way, ensuring the schools are safe, orderly environments. Occasionally, however, a negative attitude is expressed in an aggressive, verbally abusive or physical abusive way towards these members of the school communities which is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. To ensure we create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for pupils, staff and parents we'd ask all parents/carers to join us in modelling appropriate behaviour for our pupils at all times particularly at school drop off and pick up times.

Message from Miss Brewer

I would like to mention that one of our pupils in Lily class who had beautiful thigh length hair took the brave decision to have her hair cut to shoulder length so that she could donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust. The Trust provides real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. What a lovely selfless thing to do!

Message from Mrs Mackay

Lunch orders for late arrivals – From Monday 17 May any child arriving after 10 o'clock will be unable to have a school dinner, even if it's been pre-booked. Children arriving after 10 o'clock will need to bring a packed lunch.

Message from the Well-being Team

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week. It takes place from 10-16 May 2021 and the theme is 'Nature and the environment'.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

Be mindful in nature, using all of your senses. Feel the grass under your feet or the warmth of sunlight. Try bird watching. You don't need any special equipment. (See the RSPB website for more information on feeding and watching birds.)

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/>

Time in nature or viewing scenes of nature can certainly lift our mood. Try listening to natural sounds, like recordings or apps that play birdsong, ocean waves or rainfall. Being outside in nature makes us feel happier and is good for our body and mind. Simple things like looking for different colours in the trees or watching the clouds can give us time to process our emotions and reflect on how we are feeling. The impact of nature on our general wellbeing can be extremely therapeutic.

This week's letters/emails sent and on our website (<http://www.rose-street.kent.sch.uk/>) and (<http://www.west-minster.kent.sch.uk/>) were:

No additional letters

This week's Dates for your diary:

Future Dates

- 10th-14th May – Mental Health Awareness Week
- 17th-21st May – Parents Evenings
- Friday 21st May – Staff Development Day
- Friday 28th May – Term 5 ends
- Monday 7th June – Term 6 begins