



Sheerness West Federation

Week Ahead

17 January 2022



Message from Federation Leadership Team

Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome back from the Federation Senior Leadership Team. We have all returned to changing times again, however we all work hard to try and keep you all informed of any changes that may affect your families. It is lovely to see the children who again have settled back into the school routine very quickly.

The weather also is changeable at the moment but hats, scarves and gloves help to keep warm when they are running about outside. Can we just remind you that if your child is going to be absent that you need to inform the school office as soon as possible. Even though the school day is from 8.45am to 3.15pm you are able to leave a message on the school answer phone outside of these hours. If you have any worries or concerns the first port of call is to speak to the class teacher.

Just a reminder about school timings: class doors will open and 8.35 at the beginning of the day and 3.15 at the end of the day. We are having a lot of children, particularly Year 6 pupils arriving just after 8. While we are happy the children are keen to come to school we'd be grateful for health and safety purposes that they didn't arrive so early.

Covid Updates

There are continuous updates from the government and we are working hard to keep up to date, below are the most recent updates we have received:

As you will no doubt be aware, confirmatory PCR testing following a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) has now been temporarily suspended from Tuesday, 11th January.

This means that any pupil who tests at home and gets a positive LFD result, will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test.

Please note this is only for pupils who are **asymptomatic**. If your child has symptoms of COVID you should book a PCR test.

Please see information on the change from the DFE below:

This change is informed by public health advice. With high COVID-19 rates, the risk of a positive LFD result being false is very small. We therefore don't need to ask people to do a confirmatory PCR unless they:

- *have symptoms (in which case they need to follow the stay at home guidance, self-isolate and order a PCR test)*
- *wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment*
- *have been advised to take a PCR test because they are in a clinically vulnerable group*

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

One final note, please don't forget that the well being teams are available at both schools to support you. If you are finding things a struggle after Christmas Swale Food Bank is available to assist and we can help with the vouchers for this. Just contact us through the school office or on the gates at the beginning and end of the day.

Some courses that may be of interest to you, provided by Seashells.

Seashells Courses January – July 2022

January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Solihull Parenting Programme 10 sessions 11 th January	Solihull Post-Natal 4 sessions 18 th February	Solihull Antenatal 4 sessions 11 th March	Solihull Post-Natal 4 sessions 1 st April	Solihull Antenatal 4 sessions 6 th May	Solihull Post-Natal 4 sessions 10 th June	Solihull Antenatal 4 sessions 8 th July
Solihull Antenatal 4 sessions 21 st January	Ace Coffee Mornings 6 sessions 24 th February	Introducing Solids 1 Session 18 th March	Kent Parenting Programme 8 sessions 19 th April	Money Makeover 3 Sessions 9 th May	Kent Adult Education Family First Aid 3 sessions 13 th June	Breastfeeding Workshop 1 Session 27 th July
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Seashells Drop In's

Breastfeeding Group – Every Monday 1:00-3:00pm
Money Advice Service – Every Wednesday 11:00am-12:30pm
One Stop Shop – Every other Wednesday 10:00am-12:30pm

Seashells Clinics & Useful Numbers

Midwives & Antenatal Daily by appointment 01795 879100
Healthy Child Clinic Tuesday 9am - 11.30 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY Call Health Visiting Team (below)
Duty Health Visitor 0300 1234014 to speak to a health visitor Mon to Fri, 9am-5pm

All Courses can be booked by calling our Front Desk on 01795 889233 or by emailing reception@children-families.org

This week's Dates for your diary:

Future Dates

- Friday 4th February – NSPCC World Number Day
- Tuesday 8th February – Safer Internet Day
- Friday 11th February - Term 3 ends
- Monday 21st February – Term 4 begins