



IGHTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

5th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family have had a good week. We are delighted we shall be welcoming back all the children on Monday. I very much hope your child is looking forward to coming back to school and seeing their friends and staff.

Please ensure you have read our arrangements document carefully which was sent out to you on Wednesday this week. These arrangements have been put in place to help protect our school community and ensure the school operates as smoothly as possible during the ongoing pandemic. I would also like to remind you that anyone told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their public health protection team has a legal obligation to self-isolate.

A draw for the Governors' 200 Club was completed last week. Here are the winners of the February draw:

- 1st - Paula Costa £19.50
- 2nd - Ginette Eve £11.70
- 3rd - Marion Lowe £7.80

Below is the link to the March edition of the Parish magazine:

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/thbfa/xmms/>

Towards the back of the magazine, you will find an article about the newly-created Friends of Ightham School (FOIS). We have recently set up FOIS as a new charity to support and enable improvements for the benefit of pupils and staff in the wider community. FOIS will complement our fantastic PSA. You can find out more about FOIS at:

<https://ightham.kent.sch.uk/our-school/friends-of-ightham-school/>

Our Sports provider, PASS, contacted me earlier in the week with the following information:

- Live lessons will finish on Friday (today) with staff returning to support in school.
- Pre-recorded lessons will still be available on our website and can be accessed at any time.
- Virtual after school clubs will continue until the end of term 4.

I have attached the menu from Nourish, our contracted catering company, for the rest of Term 4.

The following is a message from the Department of Education, which is in addition to the parentmail I sent out a little earlier regarding asymptomatic testing from KCC:

A message from the Department for Education

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.



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Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. **They cannot be accessed through your child's school.**

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Kind regards,

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