



NEWSLETTER



Welcome

What a great half term! Having all the children back in school has been wonderful. They have all settled in fantastically and worked really hard all term. We have enjoyed hearing them laugh, seeing new friendships form and looking at the brilliant work they have done.

Many aspects of the school have changed and you have supported us with everything we have had to do, thank you.

If your child develops symptoms or tests positive over half term, please let me know by emailing head@halsnead.co.uk

We hope you have a wonderful break. Enjoy the time with your family. We have a quiz on Halloween which I hope you join! Please see below for more details.

Strive to Achieve

HALLOWEEN QUIZ

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR NIGHT!

Do you have what it takes to beat your friends, family and teachers to the top of the leaderboard? Want to be in with a chance of winning lots of exciting prizes?

We are hosting a **free Halloween Family Quiz** on **Saturday 31st October at 6.30pm** and we would love you and your families to join us! You will need to follow the link below to sign up: (please copy and paste for it to work) <https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/pam-event-detail?eventId=10562>



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Back to School Advice Leaflet

Please see the attached leaflet which offers advice and support about sending you children back to school during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Volunteers for Reading



After half term, we are hoping that you can volunteer your time to read with some of our children. We are confident that we can do this in a COVID secure way. If you are interested please contact the office. Thanks, Miss Taylor.

School Admission Procedures for 2021 - Secondary Closing Date

Please note that the closing date for **Secondary School** applications is approaching; **31st October 2020**. Please see the attached poster for more information. Applications for **Reception** places are until **15th January 2021**.

Pupil Information Sheet 2020 2021



Thanks to those of you who have completed our Pupil Information Sheet for 2020 2021 (what you will know as our green contact form) via Parentapp. It can be found on the app homepage, under 'Consent Forms'. If you have not already done so please complete it as soon as possible, even if your details have not changed. It is vital that we keep our records accurate and up to date at all times.

WE ARE BACK IN SCHOOL ON MONDAY 2ND
NOVEMBER

Have a great half term!



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VALUE AWARDS

Nursery - Miss Lucas

Finley S: I have chosen Finley for Andy Aspiration. Finley has been chosen for Andy Aspiration because he has been a role model to everyone in Nursery this week! He has shown kindness, care, fab listening and resilience.

Keep it up Finley! You have made me so proud!

Wesley R: I have chosen Wesley for Colleen Collaboration. Wesley has shown brilliant team work this week in Nursery. He has played so lovely with his friends and has helped them when they were stuck or needed guidance. Wesley it has been amazing seeing you laughing and playing with your friends so kindly! Keep it up.

You have made me so proud!

Reception - Mrs Davies

Aisla G: Similarly to Keiron Kindness, Aisla has been very kind and helpful, especially at tidy up time where she has helped tidy up several areas of the classroom.

Logan Mc: Logan tries his best in everything he does just like Andy Aspiration. He works very hard during his Maths lessons and always strives to achieve.

Reception - Mrs Wills

Taylor K: You are a great class member, who is keen to learn. You listen carefully just like Robbie Respect and always demonstrate lovely manners.

Lawrance Y: You have been as kind as Kieran Kindness. Every day at home time you give out the water bottles and bags to help us get ready.

Year 1 - Mrs Kendall

Poppy F: For showing Rosie Resilience in all aspects of her home learning while our bubble is closed. It has been fabulous to see Poppy enjoying her learning and working extremely hard this week!

Corbin D: For showing Andy Aspiration in everything that he has done this week. He has been working super hard at home this week. Miss Pattie and I are so proud of him for putting in so much hard work.

Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Olushonde

Taya M: For working so hard this week and showing Andy Aspiration in your home learning! The little Owl you made is fantastic and I know you are going to love your English work after half term! Well done Taya keep up the good work!

Brooke L: You have been working your little socks off at home this week. You always present your work to the highest of standards and I think that you have shown Robbie Respect for yourself this week, by still working to the best of your ability and putting 100% effort in. Even though you've been at home and there are lots of distractions you have remained focused and continued to work as hard as you normally do at school - well done Brooke!

Year 2 - Miss Spencer

Shea G: Shea is the definition of Andy Aspiration - a mix of all our school values. He also demonstrates our school motto, 'Strive to Achieve' by trying his best in everything he does. Keep up the hard work, Shea!

Bobby S: Bobby always demonstrates a fantastic attitude to learning. He loves to challenge himself, and reflect on his work to make it even better. Well done Bobby, keep working as hard as you do.

VALUE AWARDS

Year 3 - Miss Keenan

Lucy Mc: - Collaboration and Kindness - Lucy is always looking to help others, displaying kindness to everyone! She thrives off collaboration and always has great ideas to share with the class.

Oliver Mc: - Resilience - Oliver consistently shows resilience in every subject he does! He is a credit to both himself and the school!

Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Elwill and Mrs Westoby

Eva-Lily S: For showing increasing confidence in her learning, demonstrating our Rosie Resilience value. You have made your teachers very proud. Well done.

Savannah L: For being focused and determined during our writing tasks this week, showing our Rosie Resilience value perfectly. Well done.

Year 4 - Mrs Redmond

Lenny W: For an exceptional couple of weeks! Your attitude to learning has made me so proud. You have shown resilience and aspiration in all that you've done. A superb effort. Well done and keep up the hard work!

Dalton B: You have sailed through your first half term in Year 4. Your enthusiasm for learning has been infectious, Dalton! You aspire each day to offer the most insightful explanations of new words we come across. Thank you!

Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan

Moataz A: Moataz has been brilliant this whole term but has really stood out this week with his attitude towards his work in our maths and English writing. He comes in every morning with a big smile on his face asking how we all are and shows our Halsnead Values each and every day. He should be proud of himself and continue to work hard next term!

Paige F: Paige has come back to school this week with a fantastic attitude towards her learning and has been so keen to get back into routines and work hard in all of her lessons. She has really impressed us with the desire and enthusiasm she shows in each of her lessons and we hope she continues to show this positive attitude next term as well!

Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

Lilly-Rose E: For showing great kindness around the class this week. You have made a great effort with behaviour this week and immersed yourself into our writing. You are a star, well done!

Daisy F: For always upholding our school values. Your attitude to learning has been exceptional this half term. Well done Daisy, keep it up!

Year 6 - Mr Owen

Celine S: For showing great resilience in her writing this week. She has used the pictures from our story to produce some wonderful independent writing!

Lily M: Lily always shows all of our school values and is a pleasure to have in 6/O.



ONLINE HALLOWEEN QUIZ NIGHT



31ST OCTOBER, 6:30 PM

**SIGN UP
HERE:**



SCAN ME

**FREE
EVENT!!!**

I want to
go back to
school.



NHS

North West
Boroughs Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust



Knowsley Council

This leaflet is to help parents/carers who are feeling anxious about sending their children to school during the Covid-19 pandemic. If you are concerned about your child returning to school because they have been shielding due to illness or a long term condition you can speak to your child's GP/practice nurse, school nurse, specialist nurse, hospital consultant or paediatrician for advice.

If they are well to attend, school is the best place for children to be. They are learning, they are with their friends and they are in a routine. The data tells us that if they are well and in good health, children only tend to get very mild symptoms from the Covid-19 virus, if any. They are not at risk in the same way that older and vulnerable adults can be.

All Knowsley schools have been open throughout the lockdown with Covid-safe procedures in place to ensure the safety of children and staff. Schools have undergone deep cleaning and thorough cleaning continues to take place.

Your local school nurses say that, "If your child is worried about returning to school, explain to them things they can do to help keep themselves safe, such as:

- washing their hands often
- staying in the small group or bubble that the teacher gives them
- keeping some distance between them and their friends and teacher

If your child has questions that you don't know the answer to, stay calm, it's ok to say that you don't know the answer, but you can find out. Contact the school nurse, ask other parents you trust that might know the answer, or look on the government or local NHS and Knowsley Council websites.

You can also help your child to stay healthy during this difficult time by making sure they have:

- a balanced diet with lots of protein, fruit and vegetables
- regular exercise
- a good sleeping pattern
- all of their immunisations kept up to date, especially during flu season

A campaign will be rolled out with Fluenz (nasal spray) which is offered to every child in school from Reception to Y7.

There are lots of free resources available to help you find ways to cope with stress or help your child to cope. Here are some suggestions:

Smiling Mind – a good app to download if you can, especially for older children

Anna Freud website - some great resources including helpful videos:

<https://www.annafreud.org/>

Young Minds website has tips about managing the transition back to school and has lots of input from young people: <https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Yoga with Adriene on YouTube or at yogawithadriene.com - find sessions for children and young people

<https://www.mindheart.co/Descargables> - booklet available in different languages

<https://nursedottybooks.com/dave-the-dog-is-worried-about-coronavirus-2/>

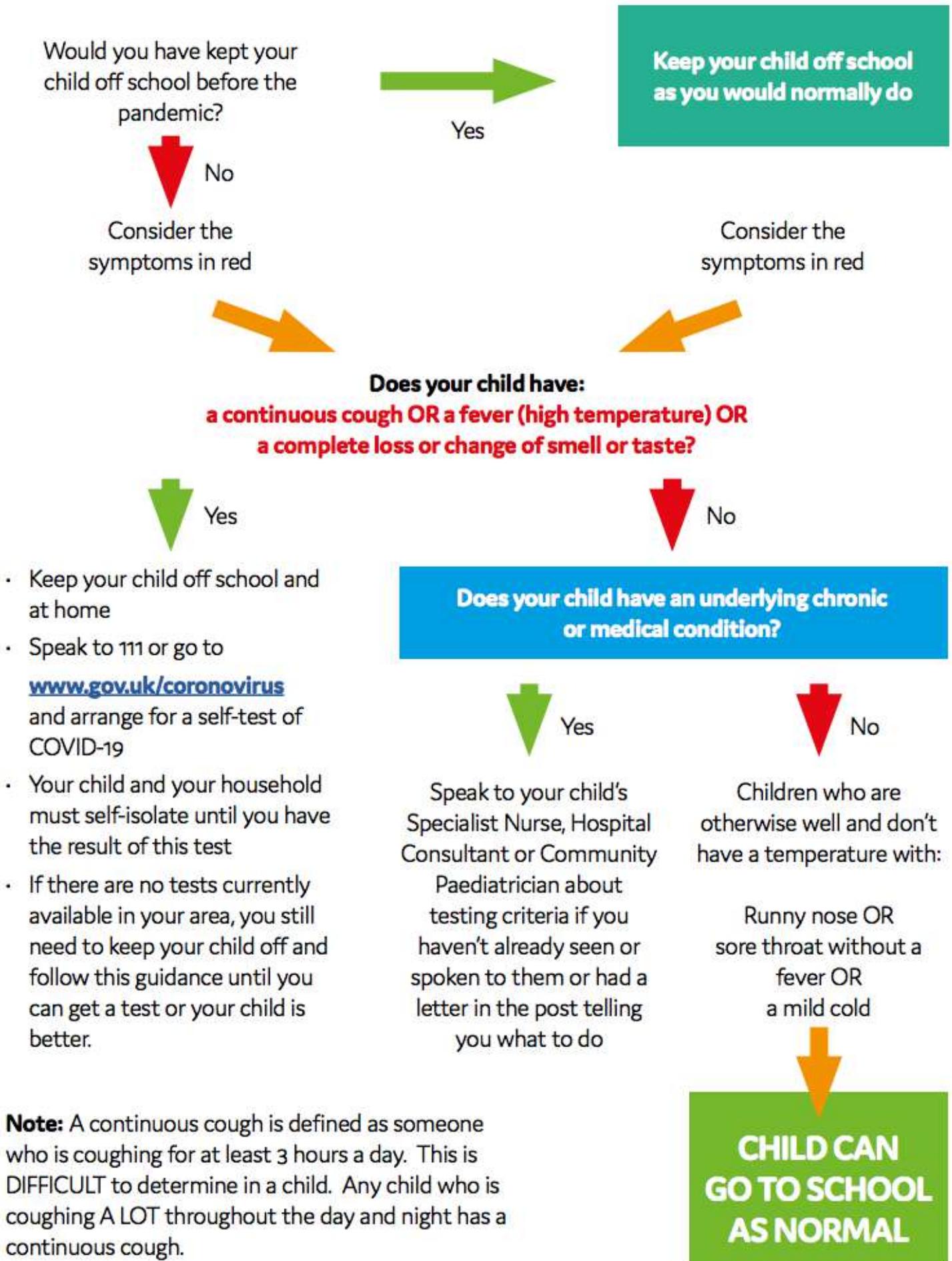
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throughout the lockdown
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Should I keep my child off school?





Knowsley Council



Parents of year 6 children

**It's time to apply for a secondary school place (year 7)
September 2021 Intake**

Knowsley residents - Apply online by visiting **www.knowsley.gov.uk**
CLOSING DATE 31st OCTOBER 2020

- If your child is currently in year 6 of primary school or their date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010, now is the time to apply for a year 7 secondary school place for September 2021.
- There is no automatic transfer – you can apply between 12 September 2020 and 31 October 2020 and you must complete the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
- Access the online portal at home or in a Knowsley One Stop Shop or library.
- To read a full copy of the Knowsley Secondary Education, Information for Parents booklet or to read about specific school admission policies and procedures, please visit the school admission pages on the Knowsley website – **www.knowsley.gov.uk**

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team

Email: schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk

Tel: (0151) 443 3372 / 5142 / 5143



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Parents of pre school children

**It's time to apply for a school reception place
September 2021 Intake**

Knowsley residents - Apply online by visiting www.knowsley.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE 15th JANUARY 2021

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, now is the time to apply for a reception class place in school for September 2021.
- There is no automatic transfer from nursery – everyone must apply between 12 September 2020 and 15 January 2021 and must complete the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
- Access the online portal at home or in a Knowsley One Stop Shop or library.
- To read a full copy of the Knowsley Primary Education, Information for Parents booklet or to read about specific school admission policies and procedures, please visit the school admission pages on the Knowsley website – www.knowsley.gov.uk

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