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Newsletter

Hello everyone

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding as we dealt with our first confirmed case of Covid-19 amongst our school community last weekend.

We always knew that it was a matter of time before this happened, but I'm pleased that the way we have organised the bubbles in school meant that only a small number of children needed to self-isolate. I'm pleased to report that the person concerned has had only minor symptoms and continues to make a good recovery.

I am sure that this will not be the only case we have to deal with, so can I please ask everyone to make sure to keep your contact details (particularly mobile phone numbers and email) up to date with the Office? That way, if we need to contact you urgently, we have a good chance of getting through.

Saliva testing

More than ever, we have appreciated the reassurance of the project this week. Once again, there were no positive tests amongst either the staff or pupils. This in no way means that we can afford to relax, but every week gives us a snapshot into how the virus impacts our community. 100% of the staff took part last week, and clearly, the more children take part, the more accurate our understanding will be, and the better our ability to keep everyone safe. Please continue to be involved if you can.

Children in Need

Thank you so much for your incredibly generous support of this charity- we raised £200, which is brilliant for our small school, particularly at this particular time.

Covid symptom study

We have some exciting news to share.

Swaythling Primary School has partnered with the COVID Symptom Study to help make sure our students are as safe as possible as we head back to the classroom, whilst doing our part in creating the world's largest scientific dataset of COVID-19 in children.

We are asking all parents to join the COVID Symptom Study now, by downloading the free app and taking less than 1 minute a day to report how your child/children are feeling each day. With all parents reporting daily via the app, the app will provide a powerful tool for helping the school and parents understand COVID in the community and help keep our students safe. Importantly, the information you report will be invaluable to critical scientific research into COVID in children and for public health purposes - the Study will be sure to share any findings from their research with you.





So we are asking all parents to download this app as soon as possible. The app is available to download from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Simply create a profile for yourself and for your child/children. To join our school network in the app and receive personalised COVID insights about our school, go to Edit Profile for your child's profile > School Network > enter our school's Unique School Network Code (see below) > select the Bubble that your child belongs to.

Our Unique School Network Code is **BKEYVF7**. To avoid outsiders joining, please do not share this code with anyone who is not a parent of our school.

For more information including full instructions on how to join and use the COVID Symptom Study app please head to: <https://covid.joinzoe.com/schools>

What is the COVID Symptom Study app and why should you use it?

The [COVID Symptom Study](#) app is a not-for-profit initiative that was launched at the end of March 2020 to support vital COVID-19 research. The app was launched by health science company ZOE with scientific analysis provided by King's College London. Now, with over 4 million contributors globally, the Study is the world's largest ongoing study of COVID-19.

The app also provides unique insight on asymptomatic and symptomatic information across the UK which builds into a larger picture for the government and captures information not covered by other means. The Government has been so impressed with the data and research being produced it is now funding ZOE to continue the great work.

All data collected in the app is used anonymously for informing other parents in your child's school and your child's school, and anonymously for research and for public health purposes only. ZOE takes data security and privacy very seriously and enforces [best practices](#) to ensure all data is protected. ZOE is required to protect all data by law. As the work that ZOE does takes place in the UK, the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation applies.

Apologies that it is a very virus heavy newsletter this week! There are lots of really positive and exciting things going on right across the school at the moment. Hopefully next week we will be able to share some of those, and also give you some information about the Christmas events we have planned for the children.

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