

Dear Parents and Carers,



For those of you who have been with me at the gate to collect youngsters at the day's end, you will know that the temperature has changed! My mother used to call the weather at this week's end 'fresh'. Although as I was huddled in my coat I could have preferred 'chilly'! However, we do allow pupils to bring coats to school, and a fair number of the younger pupils wear these during the day. The coats do not need to be blue, of course, but if they are warm and, if the pupils are walking to and from school, being waterproof is helpful too.



You'll probably recall that the current circumstances do not require that uniform clothing is washed any more than usual. If your child has a reusable mask, the recommendation is that this goes in to the wash with other clothing - there is no need to treat such items separately. Masks are still required for pupils when the national lockdown ends at 00.01am on 2nd December, with Worcestershire being in the 'high alert' tier - see insider for details. A list of all areas of England and its tiers is available [here](#).

The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; through the night his song will be with me, a prayer to the God of my life.  
*Isaiah 42: 8*

The daytime, however, is less and less, so please encourage your youngster to be sensible to and from school. Equally, if you drive along Feckenham Road or Tennyson Road, please reduce your speed still further as the street lights may not be 'on' during darker days. Regrettably, since the last Insider, there have been four near misses on the pedestrian crossing outside school. Thankfully, these involved me while I was standing in the road with the crossing patrol stick, so imagine what could have happened if I had not been there.



If your child is unwell, please think very carefully about if they should be in school. Colds and sniffles will occur much more in the coming months, and we shall understand any caution that you apply given the Covid-circumstances. Emphatically, **you must not send in a pupil who is displaying any of the coronavirus symptoms**. A reminder of current NHS information is given inside.

Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

## A prayer for Sacred Architecture

You serve the Church through architecture in a variety of ways. Through architecture, you can serve the Church's mission of the proclamation of the Word of God, the teaching of the faith, and the New Evangelization through beauty. You serve the Church's liturgy and prayer. And you serve the Church's mission of charity.

Amen

## This week's theme was: Sacred Architecture

You are like a building with the apostles and prophets as the foundation and with Christ as the most important stone. Christ is the one who holds the building together and makes it grow into a holy temple for the Lord. And you are part of that building Christ has built as a place for God's own Spirit to live.

Ephesians 2:20-22

## Whole School Attendance

96.58%

## Whole School Target

95.6%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 16.11.2020

6C2 ,6E2 ,6E3

7E2

8C3 and MAB



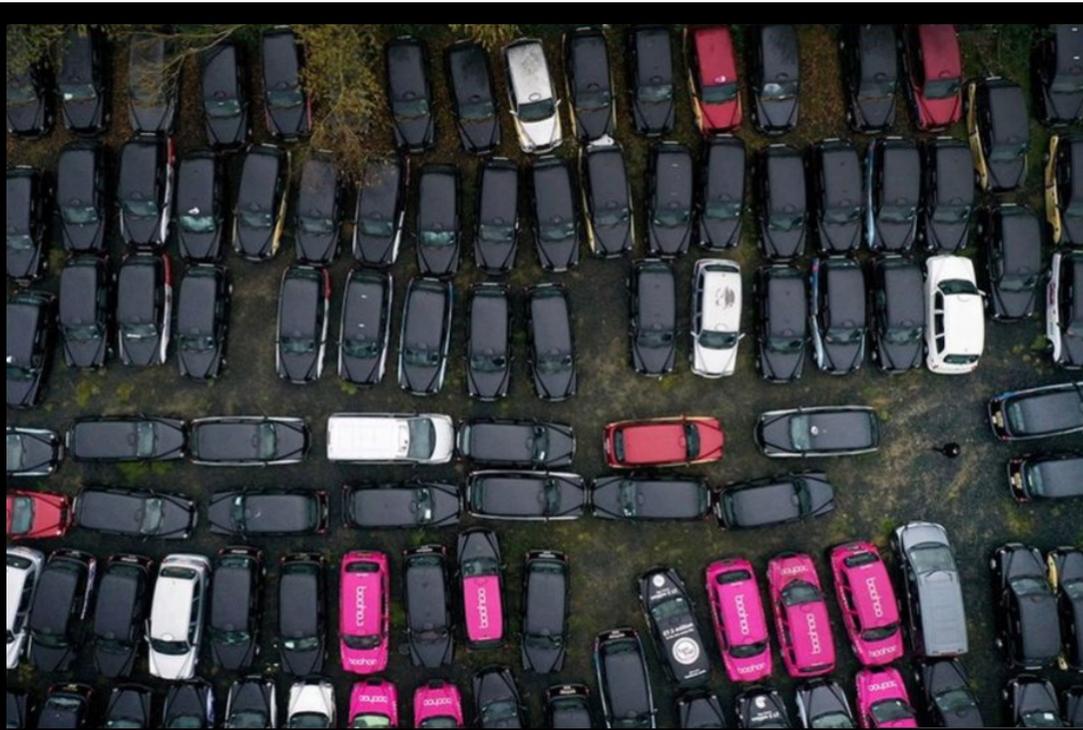
# For the week ahead

<b>The Fruit of Faith is:</b>	<b>Achievement</b>	At last I have seen what is good and beautiful: It is to eat and drink and to enjoy the good in all our hard work under the sun during the brief lives God gives us. That is our lot in life.  Ecclesiastes 5:18
<b>The assembly theme:</b>	<b>Calming the storm</b>	One day Jesus and his disciples got in a boat. “Let’s cross the lake,” he said. And off they went. It was smooth sailing, and he fell asleep. A terrific storm came up suddenly on the lake. Water poured in, and they were about to capsize. They woke Jesus: “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!” Getting to his feet, he told the wind, “Silence!” and the waves, “Quiet down!” They did it. The lake became smooth as glass.  Luke 8:23-25 The Message

## We ask for your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

<b>The weekend</b>	healthcare workers who are on shift over these two days.	<b>Monday</b>	anyone who is self-isolating.
<b>Tuesday</b>	the elderly, that they are not lonely at this time.	<b>Wednesday</b>	the end of the national lockdown, that common sense is not lost.
<b>Thursday</b>	the workers who transport food to our shops.	<b>Friday</b>	religious leaders of all faiths who support the common good.

## Picture of the Week



London taxis are parked on farmland in Epping Forest, near the capital, where they are being stored. They're not needed at the moment because of a severe drop in demand, as coronavirus restrictions continue to reduce travel

# Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

## formulate

What word class is this word? Could it belong to more than one word class?

How many syllables does it have?

Write the dictionary definition(s) of this word, using your own words.

Are there any synonyms for the word?

Are there any antonyms for the word?

Write four sentences, each containing the word.

Challenge: vary the type of sentence each time: write one as a statement; one as a question; one as a command and one as an exclamation sentence.

For example, if the *Word of the Week* were joyous:

*Statement: Xavier is feeling joyous this morning.*

*Question: Does that music sound joyous to you?*

*Command: Make yourself look a little more joyous.*

*Exclamation: What a joyous evening!*

Show your tutor your notes on Word of the Week and receive a merit for answering the questions above!



## Top Readers for 25th October 2020 - 25th November 2020

Congratulations to:

### Top Girl

Imogen Mann (5C3 Abberley) who has read 578,406 words

### Top Boy

Ethan Skinner (6C1 Malvern) who has read 1,310,367 words

Well done - 3 merits will be awarded to you both.

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU .....



*A book is  
a dream  
that you hold  
in your hand.*



Dear Parents/Carers



During the current climate we are aware that sporting activities inside and outside of school have been limited, however, the Redditch partnership and external agencies have been planning competitions in the future in case things change.

We are unable to provide cross country college matches and qualifiers at the moment but I know that there are many pupils who would have been interested in representing the school. Therefore, any pupils from Years 5,6,7,8 can complete a run at home and parents can provide me with the results which I can pass on to the district.

For Year 8s there is the potential for the English Schools National Cross-Country Championships to take place later next year, as well as Years 5,6 and 7 to represent Redditch at the Worcester school games. If you would like your child to enter, the information is provided below:

<b>Year Group:</b>	<b>Course Distance for Boys:</b>	<b>Course Distance for Girls:</b>
5	1.9km	1.9km
6	1.9km	1.9km
7	2.4km	2.4km
8	3km	3km

\* If possible a 20m incline to be included and please be honest with your results.

Deadlines for entries:

Years 5,6,7 – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Year 8 - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January

(this allows me time to enter results and send them off)

Any queries please let me know,

Miss Reeves  
Head of PE



# Coronavirus Local restrictions:

## what you need to know



Across all tiers, everyone:

- must [wear a face covering](#) in most indoor public settings, unless they have an exemption
- should follow the [rules on meeting others safely](#)
- should attend school or college as normal, unless they are self-isolating. Schools, universities, colleges and early years settings remain open in all tiers
- should walk or cycle where possible, plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes when travelling
- must follow the gathering limits at their tier except for in specific settings and circumstances. These [exemptions are detailed at the end of this guidance](#).

**Worcestershire will be in tier 2 - High alert.**

A list of all areas of England and its tiers is available [here](#).

In tier 2:

- you must not socialise with anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 people outside, including in a garden or a public space – this is called the 'rule of 6'
- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a [COVID-Secure](#) manner, other than those which remain closed by law, such as nightclubs
- pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals
- hospitality businesses selling food or drink for consumption on their premises are required to:
  - provide table service only, in premises which sell alcohol
  - close between 11pm and 5am (hospitality venues in airports, ports, transport services and motorway service areas are exempt)
  - stop taking orders after 10pm
- hospitality businesses and venues selling food and drink for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through
- early closure (11pm) applies to casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, bowling alleys, amusement arcades, funfairs, theme parks, adventure parks and activities, and bingo halls. Cinemas, theatres and concert halls can stay open beyond 11pm in order to conclude performances that start before 10pm
- public attendance at outdoor and indoor events (performances and shows) is permitted, limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors
- public attendance at spectator sport and business events can resume inside and outside, subject to [social contact rules](#) and limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors
- places of worship remain open but you must not socialise with people from outside of your household or support bubble while you are indoors there, unless a legal exemption applies
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on numbers of attendees – 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies and receptions, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, and 15 people can attend linked commemorative events such as wakes or stonesettings.
- organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue
- organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes will only be permitted if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with (or share a support bubble with). There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s, which can take place with larger groups mixing
- you can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, but should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible
- if you live in a tier 2 area, you must continue to follow tier 2 rules when you travel to a tier 1 area. Avoid travel to or overnight stays in tier 3 areas other than where necessary, such as for work, education, youth services, to receive medical treatment, or because of caring responsibilities.
- You can travel through a tier 3 area as a part of a longer journey
- for international travel see the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [travel advice](#) for your destination and the [travel corridors list](#)

**The tiers areas are in will be reviewed every 14 days, starting 16 December.**

# Keeping children safe

The following information concerns how we continue to ensure that pupils are cared for within our school:

Early help: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/19c6-Early%20Help%20Offer.pdf>

E-safety: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/E-Safety>

Anti-bullying: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/f2c9-Anti-bullying%20Policy.pdf>

Attendance: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/53d7-Attendance%202018.pdf>

Prevent: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/25a5-Prevent%20Policy%202019.pdf>

Safeguarding: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection>

<https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/a297-Safeguarding%20Policy%202019.pdf>

Relationships and Sex Education: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/9ca0-Relationships%20and%20Sex%20Education%20Policy%202019.pdf>



[Check if you or your child has coronavirus symptoms](#)

[Track and trace](#)

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.



Public Health  
England

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)

[Guidance for households with grandparents, parents and children living together where someone is at increased risk or has possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)

As part of the government's guidance on the full reopening of schools, and from information about the national lockdown now in force, we must cooperate as part of the national Track and Trace. Therefore, if you report to us that a pupil has tested positive, we report that to our local public health team. We do not share the status of the child or other family members with anyone else.



## What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops any symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school, nursery or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If your child has symptoms, try and keep them as far away from other members of your household as possible. It is especially important that they stay away from anyone who is clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable with whom you share a household.

## Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

**For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.**

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

## How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19



When you know that your child is self-isolating, or has tested positive, we shall supply home learning using ePraise.





# Epraise Update

## Points This Week: By College





# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
	Friday 18 December	<b>End of Term</b>
<b>2 0 2 1</b>	Monday 4 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February	<b>Half Term</b>
	Thursday 1 April	<b>End of Term</b>
	Monday 19 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	<b>Half Term</b>
	Wednesday 21 July	<b>End of Term</b>