



Hurst Green Happenings

Spring Term no 69

12th March 2021

What a fantastic first week back we have had with the children. We have had nearly 100% attendance all week which is great!

The children have been busy catching up with their friends and it has been so lovely to have a school full once again.

Next Monday, we will be sending an email with times and dates of the upcoming Parents Consultations. These meetings will be done over the phone, as we did last time. Please take this opportunity to book a call with your child's teacher.

Forest School—we are still getting children coming to school on their Forest School days without a bag with change of clothes in. Whilst the weather is changeable, this is really important and ensures the children are kept warm and dry at all times. Please make sure all clothes are clearly labelled to help the staff ensure no clothes are lost.



Milk deliveries have started back up with our supplier, Cool Milk. Please remember, children under the age of 5 and any children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium, are entitled to free milk. Please speak to the school office if you are unsure on any entitlements. You can set up milk for your child direct by visiting www.coolmilk.com.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs George

Reception Class Screening Forms

Please can we remind all Reception Parents that the screening forms that were sent home on Wed 10th March need to be completed and returned no later than Friday 19th March.



**COMIC
RELIEF**

We are celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 19th March. This year's theme is "Superhero's" so we are asking the children to come to school wearing a "Hero" themed accessory or 2. This could be a hat, a cape, a mask etc to be worn with their usual school uniform.

A collection for donations will be at the school gates at drop off in the morning.

There are plenty of other fundraising ideas on the website:

www.comicrelief.com. Why not bake some cakes to sell to your neighbours, or do a quiz with your family.

HGSA NEWS

The children had a lovely time visiting our Mother's Day Shop this morning. Thank you to Mrs Sorrell and Mrs Krol for their time.

We raised a brilliant **£150!**

We hope Mum's enjoy opening their gifts on Sunday.

On 29th and 30th March, our popular second hand uniform sale shop returns . Visit us from 8.45am in the car park over by the Children's Centre and grab yourself a bargain. All items £1. Donation of uniforms will be collected on 25th March—please leave carrier bags outside the school main entrance, under the cover of the canopy.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend,



Jewellery

Please can we remind parents that we have a “no jewellery” policy at our school. If children come to school wearing earrings on a PE Day and are unable to take them

out themselves, they will have to miss out on the PE lesson. Therefore it is much easier to just say no earrings. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



A Note from our Senco

Dear Parents

Below is a link to a very useful website, offering support and guidance for parents to help deal with the transition back to school and supporting your child's mental health.

[SUPPORTING PARENTS \(padlet.com\)](https://www.supportingparents.com)

I hope you find this helpful.

Mrs Costantini

Car Parking

Now that the school is fully open and all staff are back in at the same time, can we please ask parents not to park in the centre of the car park in the spaces that are clearly marked for staff.

We would also ask parents to drive slowly in the car park as there are children walking across and waiting at the pedestrian gate.

Many thanks



SUPPORTING EAST GRINSTEAD FOOD BANK

We will be arranging a drop off to East Grinstead Food bank this Easter and are asking for the following donations, if you would like to support this important cause.

Please bring any donations to the undercover area outside the school entrance on Friday 19th March and leave in the box provided. Thank you.



School Lunchbags

Easter Appeal



**We thank you
for donations of
these items by
Sun 21st March**



**FRUIT
HOT DOGS
MEATBALLS**

**BOXES OF CREME EGGS
PACKETS OF MINI EGGS**

**RICE PUDDING
SWEETCORN
SPAGHETTI HOOPS**

Parents with children at nurseries, schools and colleges

A guide to regular rapid Covid-19 testing



How does it work?

It's a simple swab test you can do at home, school, work or test site, using a Lateral Flow Device (LFD). It takes around 30 minutes to find out if you have the virus.

The test detects viral proteins that are present when someone has Covid-19. Research from Public Health England and Oxford University shows that they pick up the vast majority of people in the most infectious stage of the disease. With up to 1 in 3 people who have the virus showing no symptoms – they could be spreading it without knowing.

Testing should take place twice a week, every three – five days, ideally in the morning. Why not add this to your morning routine?

If you test negative, you can continue to go to work. You should still strictly follow all other government guidelines and avoid all unnecessary contact. If you, your household or bubble test positive, you should all self-isolate immediately. And then the person who has tested positive should also take a confirmatory PCR test and follow latest government guidance.

For more information visit [gov.uk/guidance/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms)



YouTube Introduction to Rapid Lateral Flow testing

Regular rapid testing is now available for parents, their households and bubbles.

Regular rapid testing is a fast and easy way to find out if you have coronavirus and help protect your loved ones and community. It's free and takes around 30 minutes.

Why introduce regular rapid testing?

Up to 1 in 3 people who have Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing.

Regular rapid testing is now available for parents of nursery, school children and college students. As well as adults in their households, childcare and support bubbles.

Regular testing for people without symptoms is already taking place across the country. Thousands of people who didn't know they had the virus have been able to take action to stop the spread of the disease.

As lockdown restrictions ease, getting into the regular habit of twice weekly testing will play an important role in getting back to normal; alongside the vaccine, following the hands, face, space guidance, and social distancing measures.

Regular testing for school staff and students

Regular rapid testing is already available to all staff at nursery, primary and secondary schools and colleges.

Secondary school and college students aged 11 and above will continue to access regular rapid tests directly through their school or college. And we continue to encourage them to get tested.

On return they will initially be supervised while testing at school and then continue to test themselves at home with test kits they will get from school or college.

Nursery and primary school children are not being asked to be tested as evidence continues to show that children and young people are at low risk from Covid-19 and are very unlikely to get seriously ill.

What is the benefit to you?

By taking part in regular rapid testing, you'll be protecting yourself and your loved ones. And helping us all get back to a more normal way of life.



Reporting your test

You should report your results online straight away, even if your result is negative or void. It's easy to do at: [gov.uk/report-covid19-result](https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result)

Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

If you have tested positive, you can also check to see if you are eligible for the £500 Test and Trace Support Payment.



Where can I get tested?

If you are a parent or adult of a household, childcare or support bubble you can either:

1. Get an assisted test at work if it is available.
2. Attend a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.
3. Order a test online to do at home.

To find out how to get a free rapid Covid-19 test visit [gov.uk/coronavirus-school-household-testing](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-school-household-testing)

Regular rapid testing is for those without symptoms of Coronavirus. If you have symptoms, you should continue to book through [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2021

Friday 19th March	Easter collection for Food Bank
Friday 19th March	Red Nose Day—wear a superhero accessory
Monday 29th and Tue 30th March	HGSA selling nearly new uniform in car park at drop off
Monday 29th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 31st March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 1st April	Break up

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19th April	Return to school
Monday 3rd May	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4th May	Performance by the Pied Piper—"Zoom"
Tuesday 11th May	Class Photographs
Thursday 27th May	Break up
Friday 28th May	INSET DAY
31st May – 4th June	<i>Half Term</i>
Monday 7th June	Return to school
Wednesday 21st July	Last Day of Term

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September	INSET DAY
Thursday 2nd September	First day of school
Friday 22nd October	INSET DAY
Monday 25th—Friday 29th October	Half Term
Monday 1st November	Return to school
Friday 17th December	Break up for Christmas

Welcome

Help keep our
community safe



Keep
2m apart



Wash
your hands



Please
don't loiter



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Emergency information regarding the school will be announced on Heart Radio 102.7FM and the school website