



St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter

October 2020



If there have been any changes to your home or emergency contact details or to your child's medical needs then please contact the office. Please also ensure your email address is up-to-date as ALL Newsletters/Letters etc. are emailed to parents. Paper copies will be available at the school office for collection only.

October Holidays

School shall be closed on Monday 12th October until Friday 23rd October. School reopens on Monday 26th October at 9am. We hope you all enjoy the October break!

Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme

In Autumn/Winter 2020 flu immunisation will be offered to all primary school children in their school. All P1-P7 children have had a letter with further information and consent forms. The date of the Flu Immunisations in school is Friday 27th November 2020.

The Scottish Poppy Appeal

We shall be supporting the Scottish Poppy Appeal over the next few weeks. Each class has been given a supply of Poppies. Donations will be gratefully received. Thank you, in advance for your support.



Sacrament Information

Congratulations to all of our P4 pupils who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation recently.

Please keep our P5 pupils in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on 31st October and 7th November.

In preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion 2021, the children will participate in the Rite of Initiation on Saturday November 14th 2020, at either 11am or 2pm.

Our P5 children are receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 31st October, 10.30 am and 2pm and 7th November at 10.30am and 2pm. Please ensure you have registered your child with the Parish.

Special Thank You

We wish to take this opportunity to say a SPECIAL Thank you to all of our children who have shown great resilience and have adapted amazingly well to all of our new guidance and procedures. We are so proud of each and every one of them.



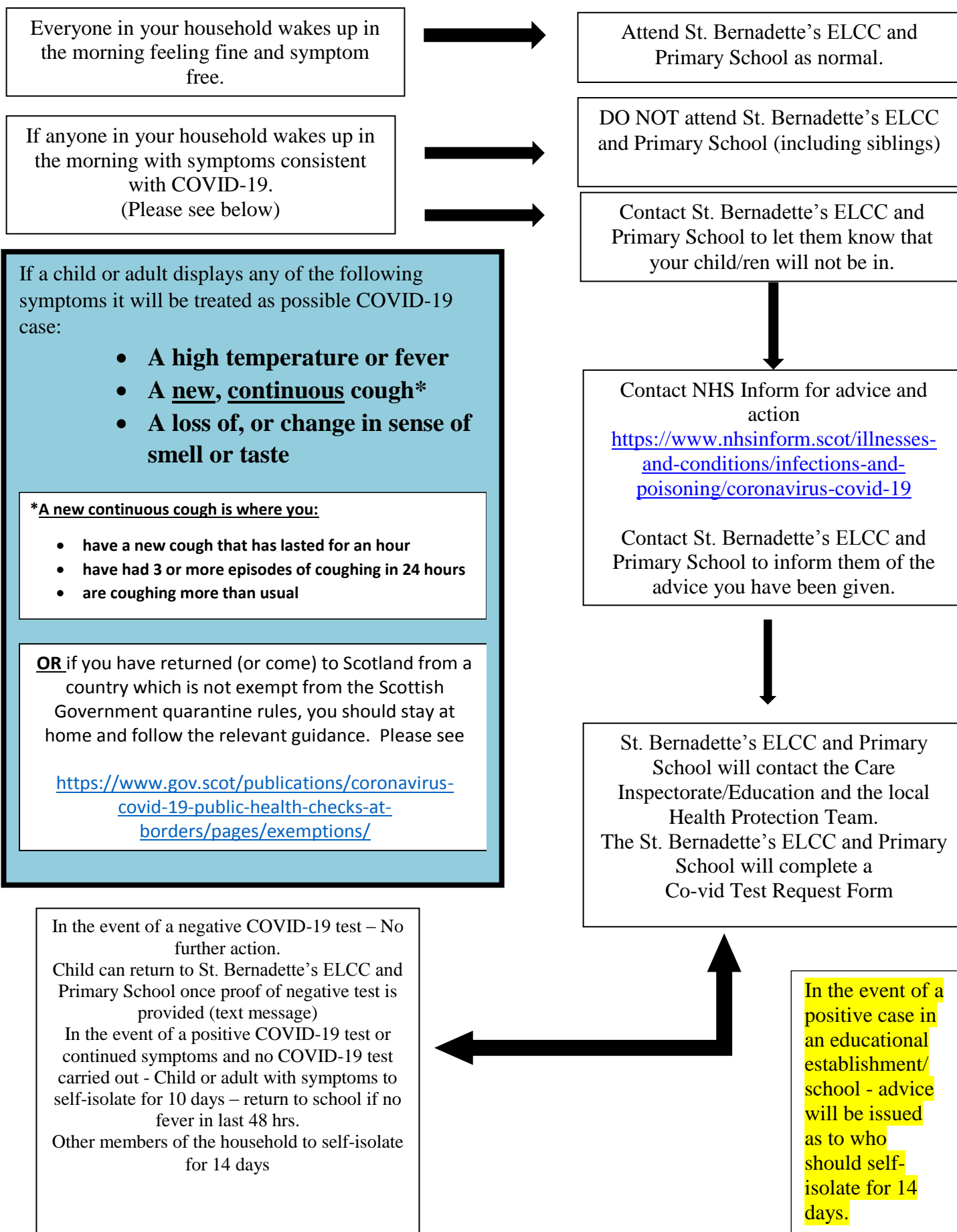
Meetings

Following National guidelines there are no 'face-to-face' meetings permitted within the school setting. However, if you have any concerns/questions. Please do not hesitate to contact school.

If management/teaching staff are not available at the time of your call, we shall endeavour to call you as soon as possible.

Suspected COVID-19 Flowchart (before St. Bernadette's ELCC and P.S.) August 2020

The flowchart below will help you make the decision whether to send your child/ren to St. Bernadette's ELCC and Primary School in relation to COVID-19 symptoms.



Thank you

We wish to say Thank you to our Parent Council for the recent donation towards our Subscriptions. These help us to purchase Bug Club subscriptions and Linguascope. We really do appreciate everything our Parent Council do!



Primary 1 Enrolment and Primary & Secondary Placing Requests

Children who reach 5 years of age on or before 18th August 2021 **must** commence primary education at the start of the school session in August 2021.

Children whose fifth birthday falls on or between the 19th August 2021 and 28th February 2022 **may** commence primary education in August 2021.

At Primary 1 entry, parents/carers are entitled to enrol their children at their

- catchment non-denominational school
- catchment denominational school if they are baptised Roman Catholic (RC baptismal certificate must be provided).

You can enrol your child for Primary 1 online at www.falkirk.gov.uk/schoolenrolments

Enrolments will be accepted from 1st November until 31st December 2020 for entry to Primary 1 the following August.

What you need to know:

- You will be required to register for a 'My Falkirk' account.
- Your address will be checked against Council Tax records for verification.
- A copy of your child's RC Baptism certificate is required to support enrolment at a RC school.

If your child does not already attend a Falkirk Council or Partner nursery you will be asked to submit their birth certificate or passport as proof of identification.

You **MUST** enrol your child at the catchment school for your address in addition to any placing request you may choose to submit.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACING REQUESTS FOR AUGUST 2021

Parents/Carers **must** submit a Placing Request if they wish their child:

- to attend a school other than their catchment area school
- to attend a denominational school and are not baptised Roman Catholic
- to transfer from a non-denominational primary school to a denominational (RC) secondary school or vice versa

Online placing request applications can be made via the Council's website www.falkirk.gov.uk/placingrequests. Written application forms are available from all schools and from Children's Services. Written applications must be returned to the Director of Children's Services at the address below.

Applications will be accepted no earlier than Thursday 3rd December 2020 until the 15th March 2021. Parents/Carers will be notified of the outcome in writing by the 30th April 2021. Placing Requests received after the 15th March 2021 will be notified of the outcome within eight weeks of receipt of the application.

Parents/Carers must enrol their child at the catchment area school for their home address whilst awaiting the outcome of their Placing Request application.

Halloween

Unfortunately there will be no Halloween Disco this year due to the restrictions. Your child is welcome to come to school in fancy dress on Friday 30th October. Please can we ask that the costume isn't too scary and no accessories! Thank you ☺



School Uniform

It is great to see all our pupils in our School Uniform. We wish to thank parents/carers for always ensuring our children look so smart. BE Schoolwear in Falkirk are open. There are many items of our school uniform on offer at the moment – up to half price!

For example:



Waterproof jacket with a detachable windproof fleece inside.

Outer jacket is embroidered with the school logo.

Price From: £22.90 now **Special Price £11.45**



V Neck Jumper

Price From: £17.50 now **Special Price £8.75**

Please click [here](#) to view the other items on offer

Outdoor Learning and Play

Just a reminder that all children will regularly be outdoors learning and during interval and lunchtimes. Can you please ensure your child has an appropriate jacket for our ever changing Scottish weather.



Headlice

We would encourage you to check your child at regular intervals to prevent the spread of headlice throughout the school. If your child becomes infected, we would appreciate it if you could inform us as soon as possible.

All information provided will be strictly confidential

Achievements

If you would like to share your child's achievements, please email the school and they shall be included in our next Newsletter.

Allergies

For the health and safety of all pupils please ensure that your child is not provided with nut products or legumes (foods which are members of the pea family) at school. Some children are bringing products such as Snickers, Lion Bars and Peanut Butter sandwiches, sugar snap peas to school.

We have pupils and staff who are severely allergic to peanuts and legumes. Peanuts or legumes do not have to be eaten by an allergic person to cause an allergic reaction; they can be ingested or contaminate tables, hands etc. Any peanut or legumes products will be returned home in packed lunch boxes unopened.

All Falkirk Council school lunch menus do not have nut products as standard but our school menu will also be altered to remove peas. An alternative vegetable will be offered on these days.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/what-is-anaphylaxis/signs-and-symptoms>

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.



Thanks for remembering
this is a



Peanut/Nut
Free School



Please remember that there is access to funding to help families with financial difficulties. Please contact Mrs Savage, in strictest confidence, for more information.

Class Twitter

Below is a link to each classes Twitter page. Please check for regular updates.

P1 <https://twitter.com/P1StBernadettes>

P2 <https://twitter.com/p2StBernadettes>

P3 <https://twitter.com/P3stbernadettes>

P4 <https://twitter.com/P4StBernadettes>

P5 <https://twitter.com/misshiqneySTB>

P6 <https://twitter.com/P6StBernadettes>

P7M <https://twitter.com/MrsLCMartin> <https://twitter.com/mrsqallacherSTB>

P7A <https://twitter.com/P7AStBernadett1>

School Twitter <https://twitter.com/stbernadettesps>



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