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11 September 2020

Newsletter

Morning Drop-Off

Please be aware that parents **are not** allowed into the main school building without a prior arranged appointment.

Please do not escort your child into class at the beginning of the day.

Important Dates	
Thur, 24 th Sep	School Closed at 1200hrs
Fri, 25 th Sep	School Closed Inset Days
Thur, 17 th Sep	House cross country FS2, Y1 & Y2 - 0930h
	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 - 1330h
Fri, 18 th Sep	House cross country (Wet weather)

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school via telephone or email. If your issue cannot be dealt with via these methods, please make an appointment with the school office before entering the school building.

These restrictions are in place as part of the British Section's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and will help to keep our school community safe.

Library Reminder

The British and the Canadian section have invested significant funds to ensure that our library is well stocked with an array of good quality new books. A letter has been issued to those families with library books still outstanding. Any lost or damaged books must be replaced with the same book. If the book is an old copy then a good quality second-hand copy would suffice. The librarians will advise parents if the book was a new book or not and can direct parents to purchase a replacement at the best price.

Any queries please contact Julie.jones@modschoools.org.



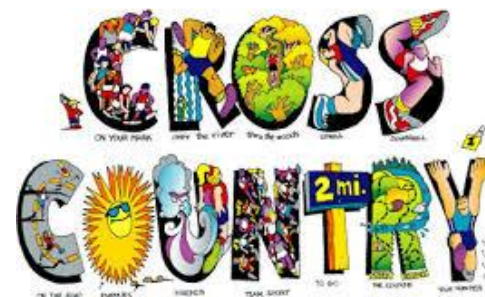
House Cross Country – 17th September 2020

I am delighted to announce that the annual House Cross Country event this year, will take place, for FS2 to Y6 with some measures to ensure it happens safely.

Date: Thur, 17th September (Wet Weather Friday 18th Sep)

Timings: FS2, Y1 & Y2: 0930h

Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6: 1330h



Location: SHAPE Sports Field (behind Belgian School, on the site with the Sports Pavilion.)

- Please send your child to school wearing their house PE kit.
- Please also make sure they bring a filled water bottle and snack into school. Normal lunch arrangements will be in place.
- This year the event will be split in two sessions, for each floor 'bubble.'
- As in previous years, there will be separate races for each year group. The FS2, Y1 and Y2 race will be a shorter route within the field and the Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 race around the longer stretch.
- This year, the Canadian Section will not be joining us.
- This year, to avoid congestion there will be a finish line as opposed to a finishing funnel, as in previous years.

Additional Parent Information:

As with other sports on SHAPE at the moment, parents are invited to attend and support. However, we kindly ask that you:

- Follow current SHAPE regulations on social distancing
- Follow current SHAPE regulations on wearing face coverings.
- Stay away from marked zones, to avoid congestion. (This will be clear on the day.)
- Do not approach your child whilst they are in their class bubble, on their way to the race, whilst racing or once finished. (Please save any greeting with your child to after the event, if it is possible to do so and continue to follow social distancing from all others.)

Naturally, it is very a spacious site; please use this to ensure social distancing on the day.

Opt Out

Naturally, we would like all our children to experience the benefits that this event will bring. However, given the circumstances, if you would prefer your child not to take part in this activity, please contact the school to notify us: shape.admin@modschools.org

We look forward to another great House Cross Country event and hope to see you there.

Foundation Stage – Snack Payment

The Foundation Stage snack payment is now due.

In order for us to provide a daily snack and provide opportunity for your child to take part in cooking activities, we ask for a contribution of €35 for the Autumn Term, up until 18 December 2020. Payment details are included in the letter issued to parents, if you have any questions/issues please contact the school office shape.admin@modschools.org.



Flu Vaccine

The Med Centre have explained that a Flu Vaccine is possible for some people. Their criteria is as follows:

- people who were required to **shield from coronavirus** and anyone they live with
- people with **some medical conditions** including diabetes, heart failure and asthma
- pregnant women
- pre-school children over the age of two
- all primary school children, as last year, and, for the first time, Year 7 pupils
- initially all people over 65, before the programme is extended to the over-50s

The medical centre doesn't have the vaccine in stock, so no appointments can be made yet.

Once stock comes in they will invite everyone with a pre-existing medical condition to have the vaccine via a letter.

Low Threshold Ill-Health / Keeping/Sending Children Home

As has been communicated, following guidance we have been given from SHAPE Med Ctr (UK/EJSU/DPHC) we are adopting a **low threshold** approach to judging ill-health and whether a child should go/stay off school.

The aim is to **reduce the spread of non-COVID upper respiratory illness**.

A common example of this includes **cold-like symptoms**.

If your child displays cold-like symptoms, please ensure they do not come into school. If they display cold-like symptoms whilst in school, we will send them home.

The rationale behind this is to help protect SHAPE's operational output by minimising spread of minor (or major) illnesses in this small, closed community.

COVID 19 – Information Update

Updated information on what to do if you have symptoms is attached at the end of this Newsletter.

(Note - The OOH number will be updated from 30 Sep.)

As a reminder, if you or your child has a COVID test please do notify the school, whatever the outcome.

Job Vacancies – Learning Support Assistant

We have a vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant available from Monday, 28th September 2020. This is a permanent position for 10 - 15 hours per week,

The closing date for applications is Friday, 18th September 2020 at 12.00 noon, interview dates are to be confirmed.

Please send your completed applications to shape.office@modschoools.org.

Have a great weekend!



Mr J Niedzwiedzki
Headteacher

Novel Coronavirus Outbreak (COVID-19)

Information for SHAPE & Brussels Registered Patients

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS

If you have symptoms that may be COVID-19 such as:





- **Fever**
- **Cough**
- **Shortness of breath**
- **Loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell**

You should:








1. **ISOLATE** for 10 days. NB. household members must also isolate for 14 days (recommendations may be modified based on clinical assessment and test results).
2. **CONSULT** your UK healthcare provider. DO NOT attend a Health Care Facility in person.
 - **During working hours:** Call the medical centre +32 65 44 5824 and inform them of your symptoms. A clinician will call you back to arrange assessment and testing.
 - **Out of hours:** Call the Hospital Hotline on +49 521 305 3960. They will assess you and direct you to a route of testing or assessment as required.
3. **INFORM** your **line manager** and the **NSE** of your absence (or WFH). They may ask you to identify your movements and contacts prior to having symptoms to allow them to work with Preventive Medicine to manage any contact tracing should you be tested and prove positive.
 - **During working hours:** NSE (who will inform COVID Ops Offr)
 - **Out of hours:** European Duty Field Officer on +32 479 911075
4. **TRACE** If advised to phone the Preventive Medicine team at SHAPE Healthcare facility to initiate contact tracing the numbers are:

If you are advised to isolate

Isolate yourself



 <p>Stay in your home or accommodation, do not go to work, school or other public areas</p>	 <p>Separate yourself from others in your home or accommodation</p>	 <p>Do not have visitors in your home or accommodation</p>
 <p>Use separate facilities if sharing, these should be cleaned before use by others</p>	 <p>Have food, medication & other supplies delivered to you</p>	 <p>Try to keep away from your pets. If unavoidable, wash your hands before & after contact</p>

Prevent the spread of infection




 <p>Cover coughs & sneezes with a tissue</p>	 <p>Place the tissue in a bin</p>	 <p>Wash your hands with soap & water</p>
 <p>Use separate household items like towels, bedding, toothbrushes, cups & dishes</p>		
 <p>Wear a mask when you are around others, if you have been told to do so</p>		
<p>Wash hands with soap & water:</p>		
 <p>Before cooking & eating</p>	 <p>After using the toilet</p>	

Take care of your health & wellbeing

For those with symptoms of infection:

 <p>Get plenty of rest until you feel better</p>	 <p>Drink enough fluids so that you pass urine regularly</p>	 <p>Take paracetamol as advised, to reduce pain & fever</p>
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For everyone in self-isolation:

 <p>Keep in contact with friends & family by phone, video & online</p>	 <p>Carry on hobbies & interests within your home if you are able to</p>	 <p>Take regular exercise within your home if able</p>
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For up to date advice for people living in Belgium visit: <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/>