



International, Inspiring, Incredible

23 October 2020

Newsletter

Focus Character Virtue

In our teaching of character education, this month's focus 'Character Virtue' is:

Be Fair

*Learning to cooperate and share with everyone.
 We are a school team.*

Thank you for supporting this in your interactions with the children at home.

Important Dates	
Fri 30 th Oct	Halloween Dress up / Own clothes day
Fri, 30 th Oct	School finishes at 13:00
Mon 2 nd Nov – Tues 10 th Nov	Half term
Weds 11 th Nov	School closed – SHAPE Holiday
Thurs 12 th Nov	Start of term
W/c Mon 16 th Nov	Virtual parent consultations
Fri 18 th Dec	School closes at 12:00
Monday 21 Dec – Fri 1 Jan	Christmas holiday
Mon 4 Jan	Inset day – school closed

Remembrance Poppy

As part of remembrance, the School Councillors in Y6 we will be selling the following items during school breaks from Monday 26th October to Thursday 29th October to KS2 pupils. Miss Hyde and two children from Y2 will be selling the same merchandise as below for KS1 and FS2/FS1 during morning registration time. Poppies will also be available for a voluntary donation. For younger children, we recommend that money be brought in a sealed, named envelope with details of what they want to purchase. **Please be aware that stock is limited.**



Wrist Band €2



Poppy Pin €3



Poppy Zip Pull €3

School Dinners – Friday 30 October – Early departure day - 1pm

We are pleased to announce we can provide a school dinner on our early departure day Friday 30 Oct. Buses will run as normal and depart at 1.10pm. If you are not using the school bus system please arrange to collect your child/ren from school at 1pm.

Halloween Dress-Up / Own Clothes Day – Virtual author fundraiser – Fri 30 Oct

In the last academic year, we were very fortunate to host the children's authors Maz Evans and Sophy Henn. These internationally published word smiths were truly incredible and the children were inspired hugely by their warmth, wisdom and expertise.



It is our hope to continue to arrange visits such as this throughout this academic year through our virtual platforms, and the Parents' Association have kindly agreed to support in the funding of these visits.

Children (and adults) are invited to dress up in either Halloween costumes or own clothes on Friday 30th October and to support this money raising endeavour with a donation on the day.

Extension to half term holiday

As you may have heard, the Belgian Minister for Education has declared that the Fall Break (half term holiday) scheduled from Monday November 2nd to November 6th, is to be extended to November 11th, to support the prevention of COVID.

Sections across SHAPE International School have been invited to follow this measure. As a Host Nation measure designed in the interests of safety, the British Section will comply.

Therefore, our school will be closed on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November. (Wednesday 11th is a scheduled Belgian/SHAPE holiday.)

So, the Fall Break (half term holiday) period will run as follows:

- Friday October 30th – School closes at 1300hrs.
- Monday 2nd November – Wednesday 11th November (inclusive) – School closed
- Thursday 12th November – School reopens for all.

Parents Consultations

In order to maintain safety during these times, we are working on setting up remote parents' consultations this year. Following the extension to the half term break, we are now aiming for this during week commencing 16 November. We will keep you informed of this, together with appointment times and details.

International Travel

If you are planning to travel outside of Belgium with your children then please inform the school prior to actually travelling. This is true even if travel is at the weekend or in a holiday.

This will allow us to relay the current school procedures and possible consequences of travel directly to you. This is especially important if you plan to travel to an area *specifically mentioned in either the Orange or Red Zones on the 'You are returning from...'* table found at https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/covid_table.

These measures are in place to protect the health and safety of our children, staff and wider community. Your co-operation with this is greatly appreciated.

If unclear about anything regarding travel, please contact the school:

shape.admin@modschoools.org

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.

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

Have a great weekend!



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October 21st, 2020

IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION – SCHOOL BUS SERVICE
Possible route cancellation

Dear parents, Dear students,

We are facing some organisational issues and shortage of resources that might oblige us to cancel a School Bus route or more at some point.

Therefore, we would like to ask you to check daily the status of your child(ren) school bus route before heading to the pick-up point.

This information will be made available and updated as often as needed on the following channels of communication :

- 1. Message sent out via SHAPE Notification page on facebook**
- 2. School Bus coordinators at 065/44.40.13 (weekdays from 07.30)**
- 3. School Bus Customer Help-Line Ext. 065/44-2000 + enter 6033 for the bus service (only from no-SHAPE lines or mobiles).**

It is also important to remember that **if a bus has not arrived 15 minutes after pick-up time, parents must make their own arrangements to get their children to school.**

You can be assured that the safety of your child(ren) remains our priority. We thank you for your comprehension and collaboration. Stay safe!

School Bus Section Team.

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What to Do if you have Symptoms of COVID-19

If you have any of:

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

You should...

1. **ISOLATE** for 10 days. Household members must also isolate for 14 days. Recommendation may change following clinical assessment and test result.
2. **CONSULT** your UK healthcare provider. DO NOT attend a Facility in person.

During working hours: Call UK medical centre **+32 65 44 5824**. A clinician will call you back to arrange assessment and test.

Out of hours: If you are well with mild symptoms call the medical centre in the morning. If you need advice OOH call HEALIX **+44 208 4817800**. They will direct you to a route of assessment as required.

3. **INFORM** your **line manager** and the NSE of your absence (or WFH). They may ask you to identify your movements prior to having symptoms to allow them to work with Prev Med on contact tracing should you test positive.

Working hours: NSE (who will inform COVID Ops)

Out of hours: European Duty Field Officer on **+32 479 911075**

4. **TRACE** If advised to phone the Prev Med team at SHAPE to initiate contact tracing the numbers are: +32 65 325336 or OOH +32 47 6760327.

If you are advised to isolate

Isolate yourself



Stay in your home or accommodation, do not go to work, school or other public areas



Separate yourself from others in your home or accommodation



Do not have visitors in your home or accommodation



Use **separate facilities** if sharing, these should be cleaned before use by others



Have food, medication & other supplies **delivered to you**



Try to keep away from your pets. If unavoidable, wash your hands before & after contact

Prevent the spread of infection



Cover coughs & sneezes with a tissue



Place the tissue in a **bin**



Wash your hands with **soap & water**



Use **separate household items** like towels, bedding, toothbrushes, cups & dishes



Wear a mask when you are around others, if you have been told to do so

Wash hands with soap & water:



Before cooking & eating



After using the toilet

Take care of your health & wellbeing

For those with symptoms of infection:



Get plenty of rest until you feel better



Drink enough fluids so that you pass urine regularly



Take paracetamol as advised, to reduce pain & fever

For everyone in self-isolation:



Keep in contact with friends & family by phone, video & online



Carry on hobbies & interests within your home if you are able to



Take regular exercise within your home if able

For up to date advice for people living in Belgium visit:

<https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/>