



08 January 2021

## Newsletter



Dear Parents

Happy New Year and welcome back to school after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

### Important Dates

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School photographs
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closes at 1300
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term break
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	School re-opens

## Focus Character Virtue

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

### **Be Grateful**

We always say please and thank you

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

## Foundation Stage – Snack Payment

The Foundation Stage snack payment is now due.

As part of our daily routine, all Foundation Stage children participate in a daily 'snack time'. This helps to promote the children's personal and social skills as they learn to share, take turns, use "please" and "thank you." It is also an opportunity to develop their communication skills as the children sit with their peers during this very sociable part of the day. The children have many opportunities to try a range of different foods. These may include different types of fruits, vegetables, cheeses and dairy products, cereals, breads and pastries. On some occasions, they are involved in the making and preparation of their own snack.



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 Spring Term, up until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. Payment details are included in the email issued to parents. If you have any questions/issues please contact the school office [shape.admin@modschools.org](mailto:shape.admin@modschools.org).

## School photographs



School photographs will be taken on **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February** at school. Please could you ensure that your children come to school in their full school uniform, including their school cardigan or jumper, plus black shoes.

**FS1 and Y2 parents**, the forest school session on this day will not require 'muffi/rough' clothing, so please send your children into school in their normal uniform instead, **on this day only**.

## Special Educational Needs Learning Support Assistant

We have a vacancy for SEN Learning Support Assistant (SEN LSA) within our school working 30-32hrs pw. This is a permanent position.

The closing date for applications is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 12.00 noon and interviews will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

Please send your completed applications to [shape.office@modschools.org](mailto:shape.office@modschools.org).

## School Closure – Inclement weather

As soon as we receive confirmation that school is to be closed due to inclement weather we seek to communicate this to parents as soon as possible. This is done by both Facebook updates and a school wide email to parents.

SHAPE International School also use local radio and SHAPE2DAY to update parents. Parents can also call the bus office to find out if buses are running. Further details are noted below:



## SHAPE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

### SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCEDURE

There are times when heavy snow or freezing rain will result in SHAPE International School being closed. This is always because SIS has decided that it is not safe to operate.

#### The following methods are used to inform families about school closure:

- 1) AFN SHAPE (106.5 or 104.2 FM) radio will broadcast the closure between 06.30-08.00 hrs, repeating this message every 15 minutes.  
Sud Radio Mons area: 102 FM or 94.9 FM. Sud Radio La Louvière area: 94.5 FM.
- 2) SHAPE2DAY website (<http://www.shape2day.com>) will also display school closure information.

*NB: If a school bus has not reached its pick-up point 20 min later than normally scheduled, please consider transportation is cancelled.*

Please keep this procedure available during the winter months.

## Forest School

Forest school will continue despite the wintery weather. It is essential that children wear suitable waterproof footwear, as they will be walking areas that are both muddy and very wet. Trainers are not suitable for these type of conditions.



## Playground Designers Needed!

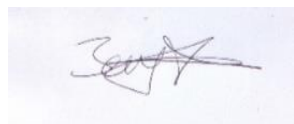


All children from KS2 are actively encouraged to submit a design for our new playground. We are fortunate enough to have a new, wide-open space but currently, it's simply a blue, blank canvas! Can you help to radically change it?

- How would you transform it?
- What ideas do you have?
- What areas of learning could be included there?

Working alongside our Norwegian and German colleagues, all KS2 children are encouraged to 'have a go' and 'use your imagination'. Please submit your ideas on A4 paper to Mrs Beattie by Monday 11th January 2020. All designs will be reviewed by a selection of school council representatives from all three sections. We look forward to seeing your awesome designs!

Best wishes



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Headteacher

**SHAPE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
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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.



## SHAPE and Brussels - Update 1 Oct 20

### 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/>