

NEWSLETTER

26th June 2020



Dear Parents,

I am sure that you all heard the announcement by the Government at the end of last week regarding all children returning to school in September. We are currently waiting for the guidelines to be published so that we can begin to plan for this.

Please be assured that as soon as I am able to, I will inform you of our plans for September so that you are able to prepare your child/ren and yourselves for this next stage.

We have every intention of starting term for all Y1 - Y6 pupils on the first day of term (7th September), the only thing that would prevent this would be a directive from the government due to another spike in the virus.

If your child will be in Y1 -Y6 next year, you will receive a letter next week informing you of next year's staffing structure and the class your child will be in. I am excited to share with you the happy news that Mrs Gibson is expecting her second baby. She will be temporarily leaving St David's at the end of October to begin her maternity leave. In her absence, we have been lucky to recruit Paige Bassett, an exceptionally capable, experienced Early Years teacher who currently works at another school in our Trust. Paige will start with us in September and will work alongside staff in Ruby class to ensure smooth transition for the new children to our school.

Term date changes

Summer Term 2020 will finish for all pupils on Friday 17th July.

We apologise for any inconvenience that the change in date may cause you - the date has been amended in order to align dates for all 15 schools in Ventrus Multi-Academy Trust. This will mean that all our schools will be able to plan together for the full reopening in September (in line with government guidance).

Autumn term 2020 will start for pupils in Y1 - Y6 on Monday 7th September.

New Foundation Stage children will receive a detailed letter giving transition dates and more information regarding their start to school (in line with government guidance).

Ruby's Star Learner

Reception: Samuel because he has such an enthusiastic and hard working attitude to his learning. He has made brilliant progress with his phonics and his reading and he's a joy to be around.

Sapphire's Star Learner

Year 3: Celeste contributes well to all home learning activities set. Her creative writing using Yoshi characters was fun and punctuated well. Great stamina as well Celeste.

Year 4: Oliwia completes all learning set and to a high standard. This week it was a joy to read her creative writing story set in 2060. It was imaginative, thoughtful and emotive. A great read!

Emerald's Star Learner

Year 1: Stuti for settling back into school this week so well. She has adjusted to the new routines and rules very quickly. We have been so impressed with her learning too! It is clear she has been working very hard at home and she has come back to school very confident and independent!

Year 2: Eva is continuing to be very consistent with her learning at home. She has produced some amazing pieces of writing this week from reports to wanted posters and stories. Each piece has been fantastic quality and we have very much enjoyed reading her work. Well done Eva!

Diamond's Star Learner

Year 5: Riley has had a great week back in school and has adjusted to school life brilliantly. He has worked incredibly hard and made several important contributions in class too. Well done and thank you Riley.

Year 6: - Grace W is always a calm, sensible and mature presence in our class, and this week she has consistently produced work of the highest standard. Grace also has a great sense of humour, which has been reflected in her work. Well done and thank you Grace!

Devon Virtual Games—details have been sent via SeeSaw

Dance Competition—Closes 5pm 28th June!

Boccia—Sock-ia—Closes 5pm 5th July

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Please note we will be **STRICTLY** adhering to the Guidance below:

If your child is unwell with any symptoms of Covid-19 **DO NOT SEND THEM IN TO SCHOOL** as this poses a risk to their peers, teachers, teaching assistants and our wider school community.

NHS Test and Trace - Update from Devon's Public Health Team

- NHS Test and Trace was launched on 28th May 2020 to support the next stage of the pandemic. This is a national function to help trace close recent contacts of anyone who tests positive and notifies them if they need to self-isolate. The objectives of NHS Test and Trace are to control the rate of reproduction (R), reduce the spread of infection and save lives.
- It is supported by new Local Authority responsibilities.

Agreed Devon Protocol

Suspected or confirmed cases within schools (What to do...)

If a child or staff member becomes symptomatic (new continuous cough, fever or loss or change in taste or smell) then they should isolate away from others until they can go home.

If staff need to be within 2m of the child, but without physical contact then they should wear a mask. I

If staff need to be within 2m of the child and there will be physical contact then staff should wear PPE (apron, gloves and mask). **The child will need to self-isolate at home for 14 days after the onset of symptoms and book a test.**

At this pointThe child or staff member's pod does not need to self-isolate.

The school will notify the local Health Protection Team.

Click **HERE** for how to book a test. It is essential that you then share the **official results** of the test with the school as soon as you receive them (usually within 48 hours).

If a child or staff member tests positive for Coronavirus then they will need to self-isolate at home for 7 days after the onset of symptoms or if asymptomatic, for 7 days after the test. The household of the child or staff member will need to self-isolate for 14 days from the same date. The child or staff member's 'pod' will also need to self-isolate for 14 days from the same date.

AT THIS POINT WE WILL INFORM PARENTS AND CLOSE THE 'POD' FOR 14 DAYS – ALL POD PUPILS & POD STAFF WILL BE REQUIRED TO STAY AWAY FROM SCHOOL FOR THE FULL 14 DAYS (siblings of asymptomatic children in different pods may still attend).

Entitlement to Free School Meals

Thanks to a high publicity campaign initiated by the Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford, Children in England who are eligible for free school meals will receive a six-week food voucher to cover the summer holiday period.

The decision will provide around 1.3 million children with meals throughout the summer holidays.

If your personal circumstances have changed during the lockdown period you may find that you are now eligible. FSM vouchers provide £15.00 per child per week, so it is definitely worth checking if you are entitled.

You can check the criteria for **free school meals is on the government's website.**

If you think you are eligible you can then make a quick application online where your eligibility can be assessed immediately, and they will know straight away. You just need your National Insurance number and the system will be able to access your information.

Application can be done through the **Free School Meal Portal.**

Alternatively you can call the school office 01392 255569 and Jackie or Sara will be happy to guide you through the process.

SN update for Schools – June 2020

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you that the School Nursing and Health Visiting service has continued to operate through the Covid-19 pandemic.

While many of our contacts are now taking place via phone or video conference, we are offering some face to face appointments where required and have continued to accept referrals into the service.

Our PHN hubs and the ChatHealth texting services have remained operational and families and professionals can call or email our duty clinicians for information, advice and support.

At the current time we are mindful that there may be children and young people who are reintegrating back into education, or considering the safety of doing so, where School Nurse support and involvement in the risk assessment process may be helpful.

Support via our mental health and wellbeing pathway may also be beneficial for children and young people due to transition who for various reasons may find this difficult, especially if they have not been attending school since lockdown commenced. Where possible it would be good to pre-empt this and offer earlier intervention.

We would be grateful if you could raise parents and young people's awareness about our service and how they can access us so that they are able to make contact directly as needed. To support this, we have updated our Primary and Secondary Information sheets and shared the ChatHealth poster in electronic format. Please do add these to your websites and send out to parents and young people

Exeter and Crediton area	rde-tr.exeterphnhub@nhs.net	T: 0333 234 1902
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