



NEWSLETTER

10th July 2020

Dear Parents,

Following the Government release of guidance for schools in September at the end of last week, we are currently planning for the return of all children to school in September. The Government have said that it is vital that children and young people return to school – for their educational progress, for their well-being, and for their wider development. School attendance will, therefore, again be mandatory from the beginning of the new academic year. For parents and carers of children of compulsory school age, this means that the legal duty on you as a parent to send your child to school regularly will apply.

We will be sending details of our proposed plans for September by the end of term but please be aware that these plans would be subject to change if there is a second wave of Corona virus or if there is a localised outbreak.

Term is scheduled to restart for Y1 - 6 on Monday 7th September.

Thank you, again, for your on-going support at this challenging time.

Reminder—

Can we please remind parents to kindly adhere to the **specific** drop off/pick up times at the start and at the end of a school day, to enable us to continue to facilitate social distancing and the safety of all children, parents, staff and the community. Please ensure you arrive and leave promptly. Many thanks

Finding Childcare and Summer Provision

If you require summer holiday childcare a good place to check what is available is on the [Pinpoint](#) Site, this will soon start to include holiday provision.

If at that time you cannot find the childcare you need, you can complete the [Unable to Find Childcare Form](#) and the Early years team will then arrange for one of our team to contact you.

Updated information on those settings that will be open in the Summer holidays will also be posted on the Devon County Council website, when available.

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).

Sapphire's Star Learner

Year 3: Oscar is contributing great imaginative ideas this week. He is settling very well with the new routine in school and he has is demonstrating more independence.

Year 4: - Kaiya has proven to be a responsible learner. Despite technology issues at home, she completes all pieces of home learning and to a very good standard. It is joy to see her dedication and excellent attitude to her learning, particularly in maths.

Ruby's Star Learner

Reception: Mackenzie—because he has shown patience and understanding when sharing with his friends. He has also been very helpful and has been listening well to the adults in Ruby class. We have been pleased to see him joining in more with whole class activities. Thank You Mackenzie.

Emerald's Star Learner

Year 1: Callum because he has continued to be consistent with his home learning on Seesaw. It is brilliant to see that Callum has been engaging with all the learning activities across the curriculum and he has submitted some great pieces of maths work. Well done Callum !

Year 2 : Amelia because she has settled back into school so well ! We are so impressed ! Amelia has adapted well to the new routines and a new classroom too! She has been with her friends beautifully and interacting with the adults confidently.

Diamond's Star Learner

Year 5: Ethan—we have been delighted by the effort and enthusiasm that Ethan has put into his work, both this week and across the whole term. Ethan has produced many examples of high quality pieces across all the subjects that we teach, but the accuracy of his maths has been particularly pleasing! Well done and thank you Ethan!

Year 6: - Evie has been a fun, enthusiastic and hardworking presence in Diamond class since she returned to school in early June, and she has made many important and impressive lesson contributions. Her cheerful disposition and amazing sense of humour has also kept the Diamond Desert Pod very entertained. Well done and thank you Evie!

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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
South and West Devon (Teignbridge, South Hams and Tavistock area)	rde-tr.southernphnhub@nhs.net	T: 0333 234 1901
North Devon, Torridge and Okehampton area	rde-tr.northernphnhub@nhs.net	T: 0333 234 1904
East Devon, Tiverton and Cullompton area	rde-tr.easternphnhub@nhs.net	T: 0333 234 1903

Church News

St David's & St Michael's church buildings are carefully re-opening, and they livestream lovely prayers on Facebook and YouTube, as well as Zoom Bible studies, throughout the week. For further information please follow:-

St David's Facebook: - <http://facebook.com/stdavidschurchexeter/>

St Michael's Facebook: <http://facebook.com/profile.php?id=2227703237>

Email: Rev Nigel—nigel.guthrie1@gmail.com

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