



NEWSLETTER

3rd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the term draws to a close, I am sure we will all agree that this has been the most unusual of terms without any of the familiar events that usually mark the end of a school year. You will receive your child's school report on Tuesday 14th July, these will be sent to all parents via our school email system. The attainment standards indicated in each subject reflect your child's attainment at March 2020 before we went into lockdown, as we are unable to give more up to date assessments due to the period of time that pupils were not in school from March - June. If, once you have read the report, you would like to discuss it with the class teacher; please contact the school office so that a time for the consultation can be arranged.

This week you should have received an email from us informing you of your child's class teacher(s) for September 2020. If you have not received this, please let us know so that we can ensure it is re-sent. Unfortunately due to the current situation we are unable to run any transition sessions but as there are no staff changes hopefully that will help allay any concerns that children may have about moving class or being with a new teacher.

Yesterday, the government released guidance for all children to return to school in September. We would like to reassure you that we are working hard to ensure that this will be the case, but need to be sure we have the measures in place that will ensure their safety and the safety of staff. Once we have completed detailed plans for September we will inform parents of any variations that you need to know - for example - we will still be required to have separate start and finish times and to keep groups separate through the day. This will necessitate different start and finish times for each class. All communications will be sent to parents via email and will also be detailed on our school website.

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

NB—Please ensure you always inform the school office of any change of details ensuring we your most up to date contact details on our system.

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: Taseen is making fabulous contributions in all areas of his learning. He is participating well and being responsible, getting himself ready for his learning

Year 4: Chloe has proven to be a responsible learner. She ensures she completes all missed pieces of home learning. Her alliteration writing about her garden was thoughtful and beautifully written.

Ruby's Star Learner

Reception: Lilly—has come back with a great attitude to her learning and has been thoughtful in making a list to make sure that everyone has a turn to take the register this week. Thank you and well done Lilly!

Emerald's Star Learner

Year 1: Stuti—has settled back into school so well. It has been amazing to see Stuti working independently completing Maths and writing tasks. It is also very clear that Stuti has been practising her timetables lots at home too.

Year 2 : Kaddy - has settled back into school extremely well despite being in a different class with different pupils. Kaddy has shown that she is well on her way to getting ready for Year 3 showing enthusiasm, independence and maturity. Its great to see

Diamond's Star Learner

Year 5: Isaac has worked extremely hard this week, completing every piece of work to a really high standard. He also produced a really thoughtful and mature piece of writing about the Black Lives Matter movement which the Diamond teaching team thoroughly enjoyed reading. Well done and thank you Isaac!

Year 6: - Clara has worked extremely hard throughout the lockdown period and on her return to school, and this week her maths has been particularly impressive. Clara's understanding of how to calculate the area of triangles and cuboids has been a joy to see, as has her resilience when working with the tricky subject of ratio and proportion. Well done and thank you Clara!

Devon Virtual Games—details have been sent via SeeSaw

Boccia—Sock-ia—Closes 5pm 5th July

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Newsletter

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.

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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

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