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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that this letter finds you all well.

Since our last letter, we have spent time saying farewell to our lovely Year 6 class children and sending them warmly on to their next schools. We held an outdoor Leaver's Service, sharing memories, musical talents and prayers followed by a thoroughly enjoyable "Colour Run!". We are also currently welcoming back children from all year groups for their Transition Visits with their current class teacher and meeting their new teacher, as well as saying 'Hello' to their friends! It is a pure delight to see the smiles on the faces of the children and the staff!!



Thank you to all those who took part in the Wiltshire Virtual School Games!! Lots of you told us that you had entered various competitions. We have been notified that some of our children have won medals!

**Jessica Eke**, Class 3 – GOLD medal for Speed Bounce

**Archie Lilley**, Class 1 – SILVER medal for Gymnastics

**Tom Eke**, Class 3 – BRONZE medal for Standing Long Jump

**Charlie O'Dowd**, Class 5 – BRONZE for Putting

A huge congratulations! We are very proud of you all!

## Looking forward to Term 1- September 2020

As a school, we will adhere to these guidelines by limiting the contact between pupils and adults and by ensuring the children remain in consistent groups which will not mix. Social distancing will also be maintained.

To limit contact, we will also need to: stagger the start and stagger the end of the school day; limit the amount of 'free play'; and also stagger and shorten lunchtime. With all this in mind the length of the taught hours needs to remain in line with legislation. Limiting contact also applies not only to school staff, but to any adult on or around the school site, which therefore includes parents.

As you are all well aware, our site is particularly challenging due to having only one small entrance onto the site.

We have worked hard to find a model which will have the least impact for parents and to maximise the children's learning time. We appreciate that these adjustments may be difficult for some but hopefully this will just be a short-term measure.

**If the position remains the same at the end of August, these are the adjustments that we will implement. We will let you know if anything changes.**

### Start of the day

Early bird will have a strict drop off between **8am and 8.15am** –

We have then increased school drop off from 8.30-9am for Classes 1-6. Parents will be asked to **drop children at the gate** rather than come onto the site, this is to ensure that people are flowing in one direction onto the school site.

Children will be met at the gate and directed to their classrooms.

**Class R can arrive from 9am-9.15am**

### End of the day

Parents will be welcomed onto site to collect your child(ren) at the end of the school day.

**We are asking parents to pick-up at the time and location allocated for your youngest child.** Parents are asked to leave the site promptly (to allow for the next pick-up slot).

For example, if you have children in Year 3 and Year 1, then you would collect both children from the playground (where Year 1 will be waiting) at the same time.

Class R and siblings will be able to be collected from the **netball court on the playground promptly at 2.30pm** and leave by 2.45pm.

Class 1 and 2 plus siblings will be collected from the **playground outside the mobiles promptly at 2.55pm** and leave by 3.15pm.

Class 3 children and siblings will be collected from the **netball court on the playground promptly at 3.20pm** and leave by 3.35pm.

**If your child is in Year 6 and you wish for them to walk home from school alone then please inform the school in writing.**

**Children who are in classes 4,5 or 6 and have no siblings** and are not attending afterschool provision will be walked by their class teachers to the recreation ground in Manton. Parents will be able to collect the children from here at 3.20pm.

It would be really helpful if you can keep to the allocated time slots, however we understand that, on occasions, parents may run late or have difficulty in finding parking spaces, therefore please phone the office and we will let you know when you can collect your child from the office.

Parents are reminded to socially distance from each other at all times, where possible and that only one parent or guardian collect their child from school.

### **What will happen if my child is unwell?**

Below are the signs and symptoms of Coronavirus:

The school will use its back office as a medical room to care for any child who is taken ill during the day. The member of staff attending to your child will wear full PPE. The child's parents will be contacted and asked to collect them. The guidance requests that the child is tested. In the meantime, the school will report the case to Public Health England. The school may need to close the class until the results are known.

**Please do not send your child into school if they have any symptoms or are generally unwell, particularly**

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

### **Summer holiday ideas**

The DFE have produced a document on 10- top-tips to encourage children to read

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read>

**We have been asked to share this information with you from Public Health England.**

### **Play your part over the summer**

Over the summer holiday we would really appreciate your support in continuing your good work of adhering to the COVID-19 measures that are in place, to not only protect you and your family, but any other people who you are in regular contact with. Please be assured that the current infection

rates of COVID-19 in Wiltshire remains low, and if we continue to work together there's no reason it shouldn't remain that way.

Therefore, over the summer, please can you and your family:

- Wash hands regularly for 20 seconds with soap and water
- Use hand sanitiser wherever you can
- Closely observe social distancing guidelines
- Self-isolate and get tested if you or your family have COVID-19 symptoms such as a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss/change to your sense of smell or test. More information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>
- Follow government guidance around wearing face coverings – please note that children under the age of 11 are exempt from wearing them
- Follow advice and guidance if you are contacted as part of the test and trace system. More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works#how-nhs-test-and-trace-service-works>

Thanks for your support, and we hope you all have an enjoyable summer, particularly after this recent difficult time.



### Class Dojo

As we come to the end of the academic year, we are now preparing for next year so we will be archiving the current information on Class Dojo (in the same way that we send home workbooks at the end of the year). We will be starting afresh with new class profiles in September. Class Dojo advocate this as good practise to prevent portfolios becoming unmanageable.

So please remember to share pieces of work that your child is proud of for our school display by **Wednesday**, as Class Dojo will be archived on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July**. It will be reactivated on **August the 31<sup>st</sup>** ready for the new term when we will post a video to welcome the children back. The children will be able to use their same log ins for their new classes in September. Archiving the information will mean that children will not be able to post onto their profiles over the summer.

### **Final words.....**

We would like to share our heartfelt thanks with you for all of the support and kindness (and gifts) you have shared with our staff. We wish you all a restful summer and are very much looking forward to seeing you all in September!

Yours sincerely,

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Head teacher

Peter McGuigan  
Chair of Governors

Michael Scheepers  
Well-being/Parent Governor