

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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School Trips

Thank you to those who have returned the relevant paperwork for their children to attend their school trips. If you haven't yet, please send them in next week.

Reminder

For PSHE/SRE this half term, children are following the Changing Me Unit Jigsaw unit for their lessons. The overview of the content is available on the website.

https://whimble-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/relationships_and_sex_education/522030

Children in Year 5 and 6 will be taught some of the content split by gender.

Sports Day

Sports Day is just for children this year and is next Friday (weather permitting). Please can children wear their PE kits to school and bring their school jumper, sunhats, suncream and waterproof coat (this can also be used to sit on). Please also provide a suitable snack that they can take to the field along with their school water bottle.

Children will be back in school for their lunch on Friday so meals can be ordered as usual.

Whimble Village Week

Some events are continuing for Village Week, week commencing 5th July.

Don't forget! You can still use this link to sign your child up for the WhympOlympics from the 5th to the 8th of July.

<https://forms.gle/rSoFScBGMNxQ23YH7>

Key messages for parents from Devon County Council Public Health Team

COVID-19 update

As you may have seen in the news, cases of COVID-19 are rising again. Here in Devon we still have lower rates than many parts of the country, but it is expected that Devon's rates will continue to rise as we all start to socialise more. This is starting to be reflected in the rise in positive cases among school age children in the county.

We want to thank parents and carers for all you are doing to help keep school communities safe - and ask everyone to keep going with the 'hands, face, space and fresh air' measures when you and your family are out and about, as well as at school:

- Wash hands frequently
- Use face coverings where required, including school transport, public transport, and indoor public spaces
- Make space - keep your social distance
- Choose to meet outside in the fresh air where possible
- Regular testing also helps to stop the spread of the virus - here's a reminder of [what tests are available](#) and when to use them:

LFD tests (Lateral Flow Device)

LFD tests can identify people with lots of the virus and who are very infectious. 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading the virus to other people without knowing. **These tests are for people who do not have any symptoms of coronavirus.** They provide quick results within half an hour, so that you can get on with your day if you test negative, remembering to keep following public health guidance. If you test positive, you'll need to arrange a follow-up PCR test (see below). LFD tests are available for all adults and secondary aged pupils to test twice weekly. You can pick them up for free from your local pharmacy, and they are available to [order online for home delivery](#). Assistance with the test is available at any of our Community Testing sites. [You can find details about where our sites are across Devon on our website, \[devon.cc/flow\]\(https://devon.cc/flow\).](#)

PCR tests (Polymerase Chain Reaction)

PCR tests are more sensitive and used to confirm if someone has COVID-19. The result takes longer as it is processed in a lab. **PCR tests are for people with COVID-19 symptoms - high temperature, new and continuous cough, change to usual sense of taste or smell - or for follow up after a positive LFD result.** Close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case can also get a PCR test.

Please remember to report test results on the [national website](#) as well as to the school, this helps us monitor cases and support quick and appropriate action to keep schools operating as normal.

[You can keep up to date with the latest coronavirus news from Devon County Council at \[devon.cc/covid-19\]\(https://devon.cc/covid-19\)](#)

Dates for your diary

July 2021

Week commencing 12th July	Year 6 residential
Monday 12th July	Elm School Trip
Friday 16th July	Year 4 and 5 School Trip
Monday 19th July	Ash and Year 3 school trip
Monday 19th July	Musical performance for KS2
Friday 23rd July	Last day of term 3.30pm finish

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