

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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It feels particularly strange typing this weeks **CONTACT** not knowing when we will all be back together again. We will continue to be in contact with you all via email and the learning platform. Please do not feel isolated - we are also on the end of the phone. All the school staff wish you all the best.

### Coronavirus Update

- Devon schools will remain open next week to support parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response. These include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And the DfE advise that every child who can be safely cared for at home should be and they request we follow these key principles:
- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
- Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
- Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

It is very important to remember why we are being asked to close schools - the greater the spread can be reduced the sooner everyone will be able to go back to our 'normal' routine.

Please limit the contact your children are having with others, no playing in large groups, particularly inside houses. Use our wide open spaces, chat to others but keep a distance apart.

A hot meal can be provided for those children of key workers who have to be in school next week. This will not be the usual menu but be in the form of a simple cooked bagged meal, e.g. burger and chips, to limit contact. Please order in the usual way on School Comms and book a red meal. Meals for next week have been cancelled off the system, so if your child is in and they would need a meal can you please go on the system and rebook—just a red option. We don't know the actual menu, but it will be a meal in a bag.

All children should have received a login to our ESchools Learning Platform where they can access a range of resources.

As more information is received we will formulate a plan to help to support you through the coming weeks or months.

There is a new page on the parents tab with general support with mental health, finance, etc and useful places to go for advice. I will add to this as information is sent through.

<https://whimble-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/parents/266488>

# Don't forget

- To take good care of yourselves and others around you. I know Whimble is a great community and everyone will support each other.

## Dates for your diary

All dates subject to change.

### April

Wednesday 15th April

FOWS Meeting Thirsty Farmer at 7pm

Thursday 23rd April

CAP UK Parent Workshop 6-7pm

### May

Thursday 2nd July

Civic Award Presentation Evening

Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July    Year 6 Residential to Pixie's Holt

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