

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Thank you to all parents that quickly read my letter yesterday - the difference at pick up was noticeable. If you can ensure that both parents and any other adult involved in pick up can also read it, everyone will be consistent. It has also been brought to my attention that the pavement between the village hall and the Thirsty Farmer has been getting a bit congested. If possible try to park elsewhere or try to be mindful of those who are trying to walk past safely. Some of our year 6 children who walk home have commented that they need to walk in the road to avoid groups of parents. I appreciate it is not easy as the layout and width of the pavements makes this challenging, particularly with the number of people around at that time.

### **Pick Up Time for Reception**

For pick up week commencing 21st September children in reception are to be collected at 3.20pm as part of the usual pick up for the younger children.

### **PE Kits**

Children in Key Stage 2 need to have PE kit in school as normal. This includes a yellow T-shirt, (the office are in the process of ordering some more), black, blue or grey shorts or tracksuit bottoms and suitable trainers.

### **SIMS Parent**

We will soon be requesting that parents log into the SIMs Parent App to check all their details, for example, addresses, contact numbers etc. It is important that we have a minimum of two contact numbers for every child in case of emergency. More details next week.

### **Attendance and Illness**

The Department for Education and Devon County Council are monitoring school attendance on a daily basis. When a child is not in attendance we have a coding system that has to specify the reason. It is therefore important that parents are clear on this. If you state your child is displaying symptoms associated with Coronavirus you must organise to get your child tested and obtain the results before they can return to school.

### **What to do if your child has symptoms**

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.  
Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

## Every Mind Matters

Every Mind Matters is the new NHS website focusing on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. On this site there are helpful tips and videos about dealing with stress, anxiety, low mood, sleep and coping with change. There are also lots of other links to other sources of support, for example Childline's Calm Zone which has lots of practical ideas for children.

## School tours

At this time of year we usually start our school tours for potential reception starters in September 2021. Due to the current circumstances it has been agreed across Devon that these will not take place this half-term and will be reviewed to see what can be put in place for after half-term.

## Cancellation of Clyst Vale Community College Open Evening (Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020)

I am contacting you as a school that forms part of our Learning Community/ group of feeder schools.

Regrettably, it will not be possible this year to run our Open Evening, which was scheduled to take place next week on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Unfortunately, all possibilities for running a 'socially-distanced' version of this event have been considered, but are simply not viable.

Instead, we are currently working on a professionally produced video, to include a tour of the site and contributions from students and key staff. It is hoped that this will give a flavour of Clyst Vale life and values for students considering progressing here next year, and act as the 'next best thing' to an in-person visit, at this time. We will let you know as soon as this is available on our website - we are working towards a date in early October.

Dr Kevin Bawn

# Dates for your diary

## September

Wednesday 30th

FOWS meeting 7.30pm (online)

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