



Learning for Life

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Thank you!

Thank you for your ongoing support as we hone our systems for drop offs and pick-ups. Drop offs are getting quite slick! The new gates for Year 4 and Year 2 seem to be working much better and we are trying improve the timely arrival of the siblings at the end of the day.

Do please remember to drop and go and that if you need to get a message to a teacher sending an email or arranging a phone call is better to enable the free flow of all the children at both ends of the day.

On the park gate, it would be really helpful if you could stand on the path when it is your child's class exiting so we can see parents more easily and get your child to you.

Some children in Year 5 and 6 are asking if they have to come in through the sibling gates. If they wish to come in through their own year groups normal gate that is fine as long as younger siblings are supervised to get to their gate.

SIMS Lite and other Electronic Communication

You can use the SIMs Lite app to view and change details that we hold about your child and the Parents Evening system to book parents evening appointments, reserve places for older children at after school clubs and book places at parent workshops.

We also have a school Facebook page.

If you have any questions about any of these systems please contact the school office.

Google Classrooms and Meet the Teachers

We use a system called Google Classrooms to provide online learning for the all children including the Foundation classes. As many of you will remember, this will now be our means for providing homework each week or online learning should your child be self-isolating or a class bubble has to stay at home. Detailed instructions to explain how to log into Google Classrooms and use it will be sent out separately later this week to everyone just in case anyone has forgotten or you are new to the school. Our Meet the Teachers video will be posted as the first item on the class stream from Monday next week so you can see the teacher. Logins will be the same as before for the children who have already used it and new log ins will be sent to all the new children.

Covid Testing

We know a number of children have gone down with a cold this week and have been too poorly to attend school. We have had guidance today from the DFE to say that children should only be tested if they display one of the three main symptoms of coronavirus which the NHS guidance stipulates are:

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.

The below are the steps, in order, that should be followed to secure a test:

- **Individuals should only get tested if they have symptoms of coronavirus as described above.**

- Parents or carers of children attending school or school staff with symptoms of coronavirus should book a test as normal via the [government website](#) or by calling 119.

- If they are unable to book a local testing slot then:

- a. Individuals should complete the appropriate forms by following the links below:

- Children under the age of 5: [Urgent Referral Form - Under 5's](#)

- School aged Children (5-18): [School Aged Children](#)

- NHS/Health/Care workers: [NHS/Health/Care Professionals](#)

- All other individuals: [Urgent Referral Form - Adults](#)

- b. If you are still unable to access a test for a child please contact the school.

Confirmation of a test booking should include a QR code so please do not visit a test centre unless you have been sent a QR code as you may be refused entry.

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Online Payments: <https://login.schoolgateway.com>

Photographs

A reminder that school photographs are tomorrow for Reception and Year 6 only this year. Please can children in 6N wear their trainers with their school uniform.

Funding linked to Eligibility for Free School Meals

Parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals as this can help the school to attract additional funding to support learning and may benefit you in other ways.

Part of our government funding is linked to the number of children in receipt of Free School Meals and can result in Pupil Premium funding for up to 6 years per child. Any child who has been in receipt of Free School Meals whilst at primary school, however short the period, supports our Pupil Premium funding.

Please still apply for Free School Meals even if you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. The automatic free lunches (known as Universal Free School Meals) your child receives as part of the Government initiative does not trigger the Pupil Premium funding.

Please see the Devon County Council website for eligibility at:

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

Online applications at:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live

If you need further information, please ask at the school office.

Nit-Free Willand! - Five Facts About Head Lice

In our continuing drive to make Willand School a nit-free zone, please find some interesting facts below:

1. 53% of people who have them do not itch and if your child does not itch, you probably don't look.
2. Head lice are the second most communicable health issue amongst children – the first is the common cold.
3. We spend £30 million per year on nit and lice shampoos and treatments in this country. However, 80% of the time lice are immune to them and this has been proven by leading government research.
4. An adult louse can really move it! They can crawl 23 cm in a minute.
5. Head lice are genetically programmed to move from one head to another – they are destined to move to someone else in the family or to a friend and boys are just as likely to catch them as girls.

Please keep checking your child's hair, Detection combing should continue two or three days after finishing treatment, and again another seven days after that, to check for any live head lice that may have hatched since treatment.

Have Your Contact Details Changed?

It is vital that we have up-to-date details for both you and your chosen emergency contacts. Mobile numbers, work numbers and email addresses can often change, so do please remember to let us know. Thank you.

Parking

We would ask that all parents and visitors to the school park their cars with consideration for all residents within the area. We would also remind you that it is both illegal and dangerous to park on the zigzag lines outside the school's entrances.

Pasta Pots

As of the week beginning 28th September – cheese or tomato pasta pots will be available everyday but Wednesday.

Lunch Menu for week commencing 21st September 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
West Country Beef Burger in a Bap	Pepperoni Pizza	Roast Pork Apple Sauce & Gravy	Chicken Curry Naan Bread Rice	Harry Ramsden Fish
Vegetarian Burger in a Bap	Cheese Pizza	Cheese & Onion Pasty	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian Bites
Potato Wedges or Pasta Baked Beans Peas Tomato Sauce	Potato Wedges/ Pasta Sweetcorn	Roast/Creamed Potatoes Fresh Carrots	Mixed Vegetables	Golden Fries or Pasta Seasonal Vegetables Tomato sauce
Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce	Angel Delight & Tinned Fruit	Blackcurrant Jelly Tinned Fruit	Fruit Smoothie or Yoghurt	Oat Cookie

Best wishes

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