



Learning for Life

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Moving Forward

I hope that you and your families are all well and were like me, pleased to hear the news that the UK's Covid-19 alert level was reduced last week and that hopefully the children will all be able to return in the autumn. We do not have details yet about what the 'new normal' will look like in September, and recognise that there is a long way to go before we can put this time behind us, but nonetheless it is encouraging to be moving in a positive direction!

Google Classrooms

Thank you so much for continuing to support the children with their learning at home. We appreciate that it must be difficult to keep them motivated. Please be aware that the teachers are now all in school for a large part of the week so may not be able to feedback or mark as often or as quickly as they were when working from home.

Annual Reports

As the academic year draws to a close the teachers have also been busy writing the children's reports. These will not be in quite the usual format as we have been unable to undertake assessments this term. Instead, in line with government guidance, this year the teachers will simply comment on progress, effort and general attitude. Where possible for those of you living in Willand, the reports will be distributed during the week of the 6th July. They will not all be sent out on the same day as we will be delivering by hand. For those living further afield, they will arrive by post. Any children attending school will bring them home as normal.

Keyworker 2 Bubble

We welcomed Mrs Bere back from maternity leave last week so for the remainder of the term, Mrs Phillips will teach in school Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Bere will teach in school on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Mort remains the teaching assistant in the bubble.

Zoom Calls

We have had a few requests for teachers to join or initiate Zoom calls. Whilst we know some schools are using it, we have had safeguarding advice to avoid using Zoom as it can be hacked mid call with inappropriate material. We know the teachers and children are missing seeing each other so the teachers are trying to record videos and post on Google Classrooms which we hope will help them feel a little more in touch with each other.

Diary

Willand School Term Dates 2020-21

AUTUMN TERM 2020	
3 September 2020	Non Pupil Day
4 September 2020	Non Pupil Day
7 September 2020	Start of Autumn Term
23 October 2020	Non Pupil Day
26 - 30 October 2020	Half Term
18 December 2020	End of Autumn Term
SPRING TERM 2021	
5 January 2021	Start of Spring Term
15 - 19 February 2021	Half Term
1 April 2021	End of Spring Term
SUMMER TERM 2021	
19 April 2021	Start of Summer Term
3 May 2021	Bank Holiday
28 May 2021	Non-pupil day
31 - 4 May 2021	Half Term
23 July 2021	End of Summer Term

Best wishes

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Safeguarding - From time to time the school may need to make referrals to Children and Young People's Services