

Tune in on Tuesday

Wheelwright Lane Primary School Newsletter

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School Closure

It was an extremely sad day on Friday. To close a school which is such a big part of the local community was heartbreaking for all staff. We are all aware of the need for this to happen and wish that everyone stays as safe as they can over the next few weeks. We reiterate the Government's plea to 'Stay at Home'.

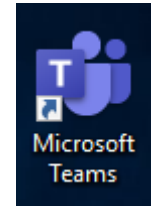
Of course the site is still open for key worker and vulnerable children, co-ordinated by myself and the staff. We are open every day and will be open over the next few weeks to provide this support. We are manning telephones and emails so please contact the school if you are unsure about any arrangements etc. We will try to send out newsletter every week to keep you updated.

I thank my staff for their support and commitment to the families who need this provision.

Continuing Education

The staff were able to hand out the remaining work packs for all of our children on Monday and I thank them for delivering these throughout the area. Children should be working on these this week and next week and popping on to Purple Mash (crashed on Monday) whenever they can. Staff are setting tasks and will be setting more over the coming weeks. Teachers in the next few weeks will also be using Microsoft Teams to maintain contact and set work with pupils. More information and

guidance to follow. Meanwhile in preparation if parents and carers could download onto any device the Microsoft teams app that would be helpful.



The Manor Adventure

What a wonderful trip for our Year 5 and 6 children.



The staff were very complimentary about their bravery and 'give-it-a-go' attitude. It was one of the most memorable Manor trips we have had in the school - well done everyone for enjoying your time together. Here are some of the photographs from the trip.





Mrs Frith is busy putting what she can on the school website. I think they took about 1000 photographs - we will find a way to get some to you over the coming weeks -

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfare/scheme>

Easter Egg Donations for the P.A. raffle



Thank you to the P.A. for collecting donations from local superstores for the Easter raffle. We have decided to donate these to the University Hospital at Walsgrave - I'm sure they can put them to good use.

Family Information Service

Please check out the latest information from the FIS.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies>

Local foodbank

Changes regarding the Bedworth Foodbank: with the onset of the Coronavirus we now have to make a number of changes to the way we offer our services.

From tomorrow (Wednesday 18th March) we will be running the foodbank from the Life Church premises **only** on Tuesdays and Thursdays 12.00 - 2.00.

See attached leaflet for more details

CAFCASS Advice for co-parenting

Co-parenting and child arrangements in a global pandemic - advice for families attached.

NCDV Are Fully Operational

With the current coronavirus outbreak, we wanted to update you all and reassure you that NCDV is fully operational. We are running our normal services and have also increased our capacity to handle more referrals if necessary.

The investments we have made in technological solutions over the past 10 years are now allowing our staff to operate without risk and provide solutions to more victims of domestic abuse and violence.

Please continue to contact us in the usual way, our helplines will remain fully open and referrals through our website and app will be attended to as usual.

See website for further guidance:

<https://www.ncdv.org.uk/>

Co-parenting and child arrangements in a global pandemic – advice for families

How to talk to your child about Covid19: “Provide facts about what has happened, explain what is going on now and give them clear information about how to reduce their risk of being infected by the disease in words that they can understand depending on their age” World Health Organisation, March 2020

- ✓ In these uncertain times, maintaining a sense of routine will help your child to feel safe and secure. Whilst your child's school may be closed, consider sticking to normal meal and bed times and any other family rituals your child takes comfort in – for example, movie night or reading a book together before bed.
- ✓ Unless there are justified medical/self-isolation issues – or some future nationally issued guidance or expectation associated with leaving the house in your area – children should also maintain their usual routine of spending time with each of their parents. If there is a Child Arrangements Order in place this should be complied with unless to do so would put your child, or others at risk. This will help your child to feel a sense of consistency, whilst also reassuring them that the parent they don't always live with is safe and healthy.
- ✓ If you're not able to maintain your child's routine due to illness or self-isolation, or non-availability of people who ordinarily support your child's contact, then communicate clearly and honestly with your co-parent. If it is not safe for you to communicate directly (for example, if there has been a history of domestic abuse) then consider using a trusted third party to help you.
- ✓ Think creatively about how you can support your child to stay in touch with their other parent and family members during any period of self-isolation. Skype and Facetime can be great ways to catch up and can be used to read stories, sing and play together. With older children you could also consider a watch party – where you gather online to watch a movie or video, commenting and 'reacting' in real time.
- ✓ If any court directed spending time arrangements are missed, think about how you and your co-parent may be able to 'make up' your child's time after the restrictions are lifted. Remember, any rearranged spending time arrangements should always be for your child's benefit and should not be used as a source of tension or conflict – especially at a time when your child is likely to be feeling anxious about the effects of the pandemic.



Did you know? The Family Procedure Rules 2010 allow for remote hearings in appropriate cases. This could mean hearings take place via email, video, telephone or Skype. The government has issued guidance [here](#).



- ✓ Be extra vigilant when making sure that children cannot hear discussions about the court case or any dispute you may have with your child's other parent. This is particularly relevant now as they are at home and there may be court hearings by Skype / teleconference. Exposing children to these disputes can result in them feeling confused, having divided loyalties and may harm them emotionally.
- ✓ If your household is not in self-isolation, then it is still recommended that you and your child maintain sensible social distancing from members of the public. This means avoiding social activities such as going to restaurants, theatres and cinemas – and only using public transport if you really have to.



- ✓ Unless you or your child has an underlying health condition or other vulnerability, transporting them from one home to the other would usually be a legitimate journey (based on the current government guidance).
 - ✓ Think carefully about maintaining a one-meter distance from other people, carrying hand sanitiser and tissues, and thoroughly washing hands on arrival home.
- ✓ It is crucial that both parents practice sensible hygiene. This means following Government advice such as hand washing, more often, for 20 seconds. Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual, with your normal cleaning products.
 - ✓ Encourage your child to catch their coughs and sneezes in a tissue and ensure they also comply with hand washing advice. The National Infection Prevention and Control Manual has [lots of helpful ideas and materials](#) to encourage children to make hand washing part of their everyday routine

Further information on the availability of SPIP (Separated Parents Information Programme) and the provision for Supervised Contact will be made available in coming days.

Further information about Covid19 can be found on the [Gov.uk](#) and [World Health Organisation](#) websites.



17 March 2020

Dear All

Thank you so much for all you do for the different foodbanks across Bedworth. With the onset of the Coronavirus we now have to make a number of changes to the way we offer our services.

From tomorrow (Wednesday 18th March) we will be running the foodbank from the Life Church premises **only** on Tuesdays and Thursdays 12.00 – 2.00.

There will be three volunteers manning the foodbank who will be identifiable by their green jackets and I.D. badges. Ideally we would like one male to be present on each of those two days.

We will have a rota for Tuesdays and Thursdays for all volunteers who feel comfortable in helping out. Please do not feel under any pressure to volunteer if you have any health concerns.

Clients will be asked to remain outside whilst their food packages are put together. We will put a note in their package to explain why we have needed to do this – in accordance with the government guidelines.

We will use the main entrance of the Life Church (rather than the side entrance) and inside will be a number of tables the volunteers can use. The food cupboards will have been moved to the side of the main entrance foyer (where they cannot be seen). On each table will be disposable glove and a hand anti-bacterial spray.

We are not able to offer refreshments to anyone so if you are volunteering please do bring a flask with you if you need to.

Signs will go up at the Bedworth Community Centre, the Little Chapel and the Baptist Church to re-direct those needing assistance.

If people wish to drop off food we will be asking them to do so at the Life Church on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

If a client attends a foodbank who says they are not feeling well, please put their food parcel together and ask them to go home and to follow the guidelines in self-isolation. If you are not sure of the up to date guidelines, ask someone on the team. Please do not continue to serve other clients, phone me immediately on **07500 616469**.

We will of course thank and notify the Community Centre, the Little Chapel and the Baptist Church for all their help and hope to return to them as soon as possible.

Social media, referral agencies will also be contacted concerning the changes.

I will be physically present on Wednesday and Friday to help out where needed.

These guidelines may change by next week but we will ensure you are kept up to date.

We will link up with the Nuneaton foodbanks and ensure their details of their opening hours for anyone who might struggle to get to the Life Church venue.

Many thanks **Gill Hancock @ Kat Wattis** **Foodbank Manager & Life Church**