

Tune in on Tuesday

Wheelwright Lane Primary School Newsletter

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School Updates

Staff continue to keep the school open for children of key worker families and vulnerable children. As expected, this group is growing due to parents being asked to return to work. Please contact the school if you fall into this category and discuss your requirements with Mrs Browne. Your employer will issue you with a letter to confirm that you are a keyworker and confirm the days/hours you work in your role.

The school office is open and please continue to ring in if you need to speak to a member of staff. We all hope that our families are keeping well and staying safe.

Moving Forward

Many schools are now expanding their opening to include the government's key groups -Yr N/R/1/6. As explained in my letter dated 22nd May (available on the website) we are busy putting our Risk Assessments and plans in place. As a maintained school, I am waiting for the go ahead from the Local Authority to start implementing our plans.

We are looking to invite children from Nursery and Reception back into school from the week commencing the 8th June. As requested by the government we are taking small steps and regularly checking the impact to ensure the safety and well-being of children, staff and families remains paramount. Once we are confident with our plans we will expand the invite to Year 1 children and then Year 6

children - we will keep you fully informed of these dates as we move forward. This will, of course, be dependent upon spaces available - if our keyworker group expands then there will be limited spaces for other groups.

I will write out again to you this week with our next steps.

Please see the attached leaflet, 'Your child returning to school' which contains useful information regarding discussions you will need to have with your child before they return to school - I hope you find it useful.

Transition

Transition for all year groups will look very different this year. I am working with Bedworth schools to ensure that we have a co-ordinated approach to transition. More information will come out over the next two weeks so don't worry if other schools outside our area are sending information out - you will receive information soon.

School on-line learning

It is great to see so many children accessing the on-line learning through Teams. I access all the class Teams and find out all about the children and how everyone is doing - it is a great programme to keep up with all of the children and families. You are doing a wonderful job and I thank you.

From this week most teachers will be conducting on-line, face-to-face lessons - some have been doing this already. Please look out for the invites to on-line lessons through Teams.

Teachers will be teaching new concepts during these lessons and checking on children's progress. This will be the way we will be teaching for a while to come so please encourage your children to engage with this.

If you still need support with Teams please contact Mrs Frith at the school and she will support.

Warwickshire on-line resources database

Warwickshire Education and ICT Development Service have established a process to review free online learning resources. All of the resources have been reviewed by a team of teaching staff from across Warwickshire schools. Each resource has been reviewed by at least two members of staff with their comments and ratings combined in a single review.

This can be accessed by parents and will support when looking for on-line resources to support your child's learning. Please look at the website:

<https://sites.google.com/welearn365.com/wcc-hl>

Useful Information

Useful website for mental well-being:
Every Mind Matters

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

School Health and Well-being Service - Compass

A health and wellbeing update from your school nurse team: During the Coronavirus outbreak, the Warwickshire School Health and Well-being Service are still available to provide support - even if this may be given in a different way to usual! As such, the team will now be sending a weekly update to schools, where they will share resources, helpful tips, and relevant news and details of the support available for pupils and parents/carers.

Latest form Compass:

'Compass is delighted to announce our second 'Wellbeing Wake-Up' session is now LIVE!

This weeks bitesize session is based on Take Notice which is one of the 5 ways to wellbeing and can be found on our YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXumjginrAvOILD-1PkJF_g/ . 'Wellbeing Wake-up'

sessions are aimed at primary aged children, parents/carers and education staff.'

Warwickshire County Council Coronavirus support line

Warwickshire County Council have set up a coronavirus helpline for parents/carers. Please take a look.

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

Please contact if you are unsure about anything or would like answers to any questions you may have.

Free School Meals

If you are entitled to FSM then please sign up using the links on the school website. Once you have been accepted we will be notified and be able to forward supermarket vouchers (now takes the place of FSM).

There is also support available from the Warwickshire Welfare Service with regards to energy bills and other financial assistance. Please look at the website:

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

If you would like to be put forward for a foodbank parcel please telephone the school and we can arrange this for you.

Family Information Service

Please check out the latest information from the FIS.

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

No Excuse for Abuse

Information received from **West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner**, as follows:

There is #NoExcuseForAbuse

If you are a victim of #DomesticAbuse, there is help available.

Find out more and seek support.

NoExcuseForAbuse.info

Twitter Tags: @CRASAC @coventry_haven

@FWTCov @Kairos_WWT @CovPartnership

Facebook: @FWTCov @CoventryHaven

@relatecoventrywarwickshire @CRASAC

@Kairos.Coventry

Please also check the National Centre for Domestic Violence website below:

<https://www.ncdvmagazine.co.uk/>

Teacher recruitment

Looking for a change of direction?

The Warwickshire Teaching School Alliance (WTSA) are actively looking for would-be teachers from any walk of life to join our School Centred Initial Teacher Training programme (SCITT); to encourage passionate and inspiring individuals into a profession which strives to give children the very best start in life.

Our course has been devised to develop high-quality teachers to work in the early years and primary phases. In addition to covering all Teaching Standards, the course includes an emphasis on multi-agency working, leadership in the EYFS, working with 2-year-olds, SEN/D, and practitioner research.

The programme benefits from the direct contributions of highly experienced teacher educators, and a wider team of early years specialists and placement mentors. The course also carries postgraduate accreditation (60 Masters credits) awarded by Birmingham City University. Alongside the taught element of the course you will experience placements across some of the best Nursery, Infant and Primary Schools across Warwickshire and Coventry for a total of 135 days on the job training.

At the end of the course you will have Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and gained the skills and resilience needed to teach children during their most important phases of development.

For more information please contact the WTSA Teaching School Coordinator Michelle Hutton on Hutton.m2@welearn365.com or follow the link below:

<https://www.find-postgraduate-teacher-training.service.gov.uk/results?l=3&query=The+Warwickshire+Teaching+School+Alliance>

Your child returning to school

WCC wants to help you prepare for a phased return to school. Together we can make sure that children have a smooth return to school.

Schools are planning to re-open gradually in the coming weeks.

Schools are preparing plans to put in place the necessary precautions.

You can help by checking the school's website and social media posts regularly for updates in the first instance. Alternatively, contact the school or the Family Information Service fis@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 01926 742274.

Schools will only reopen for some pupils each day to reduce class sizes to maintain social distancing.

Some staff will not be available to come into schools.

You can help by explaining to your child that they might have a different teacher or adult helping them.

Children may work and play in small groups. They will stay with the same group and the same member of staff all day, through lessons, break and lunchtimes.

You can help by explaining to your child that it is important for them to get along with others and stay with the adult all the time.

Children will be washing their hands at regular intervals throughout the day.

Staff may supervise them as they wash their hands.

You can help by explaining to your child why this is important and practising how to wash their hands. You could also reinforce the following key messages with your child as often as possible:

- wash hands frequently and dry thoroughly.
- clean hands before and after eating and after sneezing or coughing
- encourage children not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose.
- use tissues or elbow to cough and sneeze.

Classrooms might look different. Desks might be reorganised to maintain social distancing between pupils. Pupils might be directed to sit at particular desks.

You can help by explaining to your child that this is important to reduce the spread of the virus.

Lessons might feel different, with less group work and more individual work. Where possible, lessons might be held outdoors.

You can help by making sure your child has waterproof outdoor clothing, suncream and a hat.



Children might not move around the school or building unless it is absolutely necessary. Classes might have different break times (including lunch), to reduce movement around school.

You can help by explaining to your child that they may not be able to use certain equipment or meet up with all of their usual friends at breaks and lunchtimes.

Some schools might change the uniform rules when children go back to school.

You can help reduce the spread of the virus by following your school's guidance around uniform.

School start and finish times might be different, with clear drop-off and collection times for each group or class of children.

You can help by not staying too long at pick-up and drop-off times, keeping to social distancing guidelines and walking to school as much as possible to reduce traffic.

Children might be feeling anxious about their return to school.

You can help by reassuring them that a teacher will be there to explain what they need to do.

If your child has symptoms of the virus during the school day, you will be contacted and expected to take your child home straight away. All other pupils in the same group will also be sent home.

Please help us by collecting your child promptly. Reassure your child if they are worried.

For more information contact the parent helpline on:

01926 742274.



Warwickshire School Health Update w/c 25.05.2020

Compass



A health and wellbeing update from your school nurse team

The Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service is still here to provide support - even if this may be given in a different way to usual! Here's our latest newsletter with useful links, wellbeing advice, and details of how you can get help when you need it.

Try a Wellbeing Wake-up! These weekly videos for primary school children and parents/carers are filled with activities you can try as a family to promote wellbeing: cutt.ly/wellbeing-wakeup-2

National Smile Month: Looking After Our Teeth



18th May to 18th June is National Smile Month and a chance to talk about our oral health and the things we can all do to achieve a healthier smile.

Top ways to better oral health

- ★ Brush your teeth for 2 minutes, twice a day, morning and night with a fluoride toothpaste.
- ★ Use mouthwash and clean between your teeth with interdental brushes or floss everyday.
- ★ Cut down how much sugar you have, and how often you have it.
- ★ Visit the dentist every 6 months (children too).

Oral health resources

- Make brushing fun for younger children with this singalong - cutt.ly/zingzillas - and this Hey Duggee toothbrush reward chart - cutt.ly/duggee-reward.
- Find out all about teeth and the best way to brush: cutt.ly/all-about-teeth
- For more healthy lifestyle choices, visit nhs.uk/change4life

Sugar swaps

- ★ **Breakfast:** swap from sugary cereal to plain porridge, wheat biscuits, no added sugar muesli or shredded wholegrain. Top these options or plain yoghurt with a handful of your favourite fruit for a tasty way to reach your 5-a-day.
- ★ **Lunchbox:** swap chocolate, cake bars and pudding pots with a slice of malt loaf, fruited teacake, sugar-free jelly or fresh or tinned fruit (in juice, not syrup). Make lower-sugar fromage fraise a new lunchbox fave - it's a healthier choice than split pot yoghurts.
- ★ **Snack swaps:** swap crisps and biscuits with crackers topped with low-fat cheese and veggies, a scotch pancake, a crumpet, plain rice cakes, chopped veg with lower fat hummus or plain popcorn.

Returning to school after COVID-19

Some children and young people will be returning to school next week and in the weeks to follow. This may create lots of different emotions for families - from concerns over safety to relief that home schooling is over! This is completely normal. You can read the latest government guidance on the return here - cutt.ly/gov-guidance - and remember, we are here to support you with health and wellbeing during this time; contact us on the details overleaf.



Useful links

Activities to do at home

Garden activities:

cutt.ly/rhs-garden-activities

cutt.ly/gardeners-world-kids-projects

Make a COVID-19 time capsule:

cutt.ly/time-capsule

Try some simple, healthy recipes for kids:

cutt.ly/bbc-recipes

Bird-themed activities & games: cutt.ly/rspb

Things to do at home & in the garden:

cutt.ly/national-trust

Fun ideas from Countryfile: cutt.ly/countryfile

COVID-19 family guidance

Parenting support for Warwickshire families during COVID-19: cutt.ly/parenting

Compass info & resources for parents/carers:

cutt.ly/coronavirus-parents-carers

Resources for people with autism and families:

cutt.ly/autism-resources

Information for Warwickshire families:

warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

Support accessing food:

cutt.ly/accessing-food-advice

How to help your teenager stay home during lockdown:

cutt.ly/teens-stay-home

Refuge Domestic Abuse Service Warwickshire:

Call 0800 408 1552



Your school nurse team is here to help!

We know these times can be unsettling for children, young people and families. Our school nurse team is here to provide support with any concerns or questions about health and wellbeing: get in touch using the details below for free, confidential advice.

Parents/carers

Service mainline: 03300 245 204

Text Parentline: 07520 619 376

Children/young people aged 11–19 years

Text ChatHealth: 07507 331 525

Home learning resources

bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons

Compass celebrity learning timetable:

cutt.ly/learning-timetable

Art activities, learning & games:

tate.org.uk/kids

Free education & fun downloads for children:

cutt.ly/free-activities

Online learning from Canal & River Trust:

cutt.ly/canal-river-trust

Learn about space with CBeebies Stargazing:

cutt.ly/cbeebies-stargazing

Info and education resources for children and young people with SEND: cutt.ly/SEND-education

STEM home learning resources:

stem.org.uk/home-learning

Emotional and mental health resources

Resources for professionals, parents/carers and young people: camhs-resources.co.uk

Every Mind Matters: Coronavirus & wellbeing

nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters

Young Minds Coronavirus support:

cutt.ly/young-minds-coronavirus

RISE resources: cwrise.com

For urgent support with mental health for children and young people, please call the 24/7 CW RISE supportline (now just one number):

02476 641 799



www.compass-uk.org/services/warwickshire-school-health-wellbeing-service

