



2nd July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well as we come to the end of week 15 and the last two weeks of term.

Many of you have heard the announcement that the expectation is that schools will be open fully in September, and the Government is issuing guidance as to how that can happen. The deadline for the guidance is tomorrow (probably late on Friday night!) so we will be drawing up plans next week. We will take the plans to Governors on 9th July so hopefully you will all know what is happening on Friday 10th July – I will therefore send my letter out on the Friday rather than the Thursday.

All these plans are subject to everyone still taking extra care and not, as in the case of Leicester, having to have local lockdowns. Many of us have sacrificed seeing our own family to keep the critical worker and vulnerable children at WFS safe. All we ask is that our WFS family do the same and together we can all remain healthy and safe.

Along with localised lockdowns, if we do not have enough staff due to COVID-19 illness in the Autumn term, we may have to close 'bubbles'/classes. Anyone displaying any symptoms will need to be collected immediately.

The Government has announced that schools will be closed over the summer holidays as normal. We are hoping to run our holiday club but we are still awaiting the rubber stamp from the Local Authority – Social Care. Again, as soon as I know we will let you know. Lotte has everything in place – we just need the permission and funding to run it.

Some of you have been contacting us about things you have read on the news or social media sites. PLEASE trust us that we will let you know the information once we have received it. There is a lot of fake news about, and this is something we teach our young people. Any worries about anything then call school.

The Government has also said that it will be fining families in September if children do not attend. This is all at the discretion of the Headteacher; we will work together looking at individual pupil risk assessments and underlying health conditions before progressing any attendance issues. Please rest assured we will work with you as it has been a trying time for all of us and the last thing you want to worry about is this as well.

There are still some people who have not claimed their Free School Meal vouchers. This is a lot of money and if you are entitled to it you should use it. You will be getting the summer holiday funding as one large voucher. You only have until the

17th July to contact school if you are having difficulty redeeming it. PLEASE ring us so we can help. After the 17th the school will have broken up for the holidays.

Some classes are having zoom meetings online which is a fantastic way of keeping in touch. If you and your child are taking part in these, the child must be supervised and they must have at least a vest and shorts on. The class teacher will terminate connection if not. Thanks for your support with this.

On Sunday at 5pm there is a special NHS applause to commemorate 72nd anniversary of the start of the NHS. I'll be listening out for you all.

If you are sending a different person to collect your child from school you need to notify the school office of this. We will then set up a password to ensure a safe handover at the end of the school day. WE WILL NOT release pupils to people we do not know and I make no apologies for this. The safety of the children and staff will always remain my number one priority.

Some sad news for us but very much deserved! Teresa Wright is retiring from WFS at the end of term. Teresa has worked with hundreds of children over the years and has had such a positive impact on their lives, as well as their families. Teresa quietly goes about her work, but demonstrates such knowledge and skill and will be impossible to replace. On behalf of the WFS family I would like to thank Teresa for all of her service and wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement. THANK YOU.

Now some lovely news. Sian Ackerley gave birth to not one but two beautiful boys on 21st June. Everyone knows Sian likes to plan things and ensures everything happens when she wants it to BUT her boys had different plans and arrived sooner than expected! Sian now starts her maternity leave and we can't wait to meet the new arrivals.

Remember your stones for September!!

Please remember if you need anything or we can help in any way to let your class teams know and we will try and support.

We continue to work to support families and get them back to school as and when it is safe to do so.

With kind regards,

Rebecca Garratt

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