

# Newsletter Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Welcome Back Message from Mrs Garratt.



Welcome back everyone. The children have been amazing and an absolute credit to you all. I cannot tell you how happy I felt on Monday when all the children were back, it was such wonderful day and everyone just got on with the new way of working - no problems! Our attendance has been fantastic (92%).

Many thanks to all the parents who have supported our new approach to entering and exiting the school. This has worked well and we are continuing to review this on a daily basis to ensure that we can make the areas around the school as safe as possible. Just a reminder to parents that staff are unable to have conversations at handover and any communication should be requested or emailed / telephoned across. In addition, it is important that parents drop off / collect and go quickly to ensure that social distancing and covid hygiene measures can be maintained. From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September the arrival time is **still** 9.00am for those that are brought in by parents although we will open the gates earlier than 9 to alleviate some of the queuing and congregating of parents at the various entrances. Please support us by arriving between 8.50 and 9am as this will make the flow of parents much smoother.

I know we appear very strict with our protocols, but we have had to produce very detailed risk assessments and plans that have been approved by the Local Authority and Public Health. We therefore must adhere to these to remain open. We cannot allow for early collection as we do not have the flexibility to allow staff to come out of bubbles. I know it's frustrating but we want to keep our school open as long as possible.

Please do not send your child in if you know they are unwell. We are currently taking no chances and this can be very selfish, as we have some very vulnerable pupils and staff. Also, if you have COVID-19 symptoms in your household can you let us know and also the results of your test so we can be prepared if we need to act. A handy reference guide was emailed to all Parents yesterday and COVID-19 symptoms can be checked on the NHS website by clicking on the following link  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If you are entitled to free school meals please make sure we know as we can obtain additional funding for this.



We have had to change our INSET days to make sure we continue our Team Teach refresher training. I apologise for this as we normally give you plenty of notice of our INSET days. There is a new 'Term Dates' list at the end of this newsletter.

Please be aware that we are following strict government guidance and as a result we have added an addendum to our behaviour policy to reflect our approach to ensuring that all of our pupils and staff are as safe as can possibly be. We would encourage all parents to read and the addendum and it can be found on our school website.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the need for a thorough deep clean after a half term, **holiday club will only be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of October half term.** We apologise for this, but we'd much rather offer something rather than nothing.

### Russell House News

We have some places available for pupils who can access an upstairs bedroom. If you think that you would like to find out more about our weekly boarding unit and prepare your child for independent or assisted living when they are older, please get in touch.

### Tik Tok Warning

TikTok have issued an urgent warning over a distressing video being shared around. The video is being shared as a video but also has appeared hidden in some popular TikTok videos. The content of the video is explained on various news websites if you want to find out more information. If your child or children are on TikTok then please be wary of what they are watching online. Please monitor and ensure they report any unsuitable videos.



# Wyre Forest School Term Dates

## Academic Year 2020 - 2021

### AUTUMN TERM 2020

**PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
2020

**TERM STARTS**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

**PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**HALF TERM**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**TERM STARTS**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**HALF TERM**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**TERM ENDS**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

### SUMMER TERM 2021

**TERM STARTS**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**HALF TERM**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**TERM ENDS**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

