

Newsletter Friday 6th November 2020



**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

Important Information for Parents...



As we begin yet another lock down, please rest assured my personal mission is still to keep our pupils and staff safe so we can stay open as long as possible. As I have said before, there may be times when we have to close classes and/or bubbles, not because of a positive case of COVID but due to staffing; either they are having to self-isolate or they are having to look after their own children.

Here is a reminder of which children are in which bubble for your information. Pupils and staff remain in their bubble for the whole day, and each bubble has its own outdoor space.

Bubble 1	6 th Form
Bubble 2	Complex & Sensory – Chestnut, Birch, Beech & Woodlands
Bubble 3	Secondary including The Bridge (Y7 – Y11)
Bubble 4	EYFS Hub
Bubble 5	Elm/Yew/Maple/Willow
Bubble 6	Cherry/Ash/Hazel/Holly

Please remember if your child is ill in anyway or anyone in your household is displaying covid symptoms PLEASE stay away.



Thank you to the Parents wearing face coverings on the school premises. Please can we encourage all Parents to do this unless exempt. We are going to encourage all our pupils from Year 7 upwards to wear face coverings in communal areas, only if this is appropriate for them as many of our pupils are exempt from wearing them.

Social distancing outside schools

The new advice from Public Health follows recommends that face coverings should be worn where it is physically difficult for parents to follow 2 metre social distancing rules.

This extra measure is being introduced to keep the whole school community safe, especially those who are most vulnerable.



Parents are advised to wear face coverings outside schools. Parents and carers across the County are being advised to wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting children from school. At the beginning of the week, there were 30 schools across the County with full or partial bubbles closed, which means now more than ever we need to work together to keep children in school.

Dr Kathryn Cobain, Director of Public Health at Worcestershire County Council, said:

"I'd like to ask for the support of parents and carers to keep to the social distancing guidelines at all times, when dropping off and picking up your children. We strongly advise wearing a face-covering if you're unable to keep apart, by doing this you can help prevent the spread of the virus. Let's continue our hard work and remain in the lowest tier of measures."

Last week Worcestershire County Council and Worcestershire Children First began the roll out of colourful lamppost wraps to over 200 schools to help remind residents of the importance of social distancing.

Councillor Marcus Hart, Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education and Skills at Worcestershire County Council said: "We've had positive feedback that our lamppost wraps are helping to remind our parents and carers in Worcestershire to keep to the social distancing rules when doing the school run. This latest advice from Public Health is another measure parents can take to help keep our school communities safe."

Christmas in school will be slightly different this year...

Unfortunately, we will not be having a Christmas nativity or any events where parents come in to school to celebrate with us this year. I know this is very sad, but we don't have the space to practice (the hall is used for a bubble), we can't share costumes/props, and we can't have an audience, and we can't sing. I am hoping for a summer extravaganza for all our families! We will celebrate Christmas, but in classes and we will provide everything for the event so we can sanitise everything.

We would also ask you to not send in Christmas cards or presents this year for pupils or staff. You are always so kind and generous but we can't have items in from the home this year. Please keep your money or give it to a charity.

There will, as usual, be no holiday club over the Christmas period.



We will not be forgetting Remembrance Day this year, so look out for photos in our newsletter next week.

BBC Children in Need

Wyre Forest School staff and pupils will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 13th November 2020 by having a non-school uniform day (if children are happy to join in). Donations will be £1.00 via a Just Giving fundraising page – details of which will be sent to all Parents early next week.



HAZEL Class



Have been using balance scales and measuring scales in their Maths lessons!



CHERRY Class

Have been learning about colours this half term. We have been studying the art work of Mondrian and recreating his famous pictures using Primary Colours. Now it's going to get very messy as find out how we can make all the colours of the rainbow by mixing these paints together!



OAK CLASS

This week in oak class we have been learning about bonfire night. We have enjoyed working in our pop-up cafe serving hot dogs, burgers and toffee apples and we made a bonfire tuff spot and toasted marshmallows in forest school.



Marvellous Me!



There is information in this newsletter regarding a new app we are going to be using very soon in school. You will receive more information over the next couple of weeks

about how to sign up!

Safeguarding

We've attached a Safeguarding flyer this week with helpful information of local groups for Parents of children with additional needs.

If we haven't seen your child for a while, because of illness etc we will knock your door, retreat 2m and ask to see them. This is for our safeguarding information as we have a duty of care to protect all of our pupils whether at school or at home. We'll stand and have a natter as well, as we know lock down in November/December is going to be potentially harder than in the summer.

MARVELLOUSME

Dear Parent / Carer

I am delighted to let you know that we will soon be using an exciting new app called MarvellousMe.

Teachers will use MarvellousMe to share wonderful news with you about your child's/children's learning and skills development.

The MarvellousMe Parent app is free, fun and simple to use. It will help you to:

- **Have a meaningful conversation with your child about their school day.**
- **Continue your child's learning and practise topics that they've done in class.**
- **Celebrate and reinforce their successes and positive behaviours.**

You will be able to enjoy MarvellousMe on your smartphone, tablet or online, and can easily share it with partners, carers and family members.

We will send you a letter containing all the details of how you can sign up to MarvellousMe, and your special join code.

You can find out more at www.marvellousme.com. We think you will love it!



Safeguarding News

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Welcome to our first safeguarding newsletter



We are proud of the way our pupils are staying safe at school and how they continue to follow the new routines and guidelines so well.

As we enter another national lockdown, it is a time of uncertainty for many families.

One of the aims of this flyer will be to keep you informed of local and national groups/ helplines that offer support for families of children with additional needs

Family Front Door

01905 822666

Dial this number if you are concerned that a child is at risk of **SERIOUS HARM**

Hansel and Gretel

07525 668608

this number to join a local support group for parents/ carers of children with additional needs

Brookside Family Hub

01562 827207

Dial this number if you are interested in a range of online and 1:1 parenting courses



Hello there!

As most of you know, my name is Alison Hopkins and I'm Assistant Head at Wyre Forest School.

As part of the safeguarding team, my role is to ensure that all our pupils are safe and that families are well supported

If you have any concerns about keeping your child safe, your child's attendance or would like some advice or support regarding an issue at home please contact me on

01562 827785

Or email me at;

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