



Yealmpton Primary School

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A partner school in the Westcountry Schools Trust (WeST)



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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children, and families back to school safely. As a school family we are working together to maintain a safe environment for everyone and we thank you for your understanding in the adjustments we are making in order to find the right balance. By working in close partnership together we can secure a Covid safe school. The information below is to help support all of this going forward.

I wrote to you last week about possible cases in school and it remains extremely important that any child with Covid symptoms stay at home, to avoid the risk of spreading infection to others, including the more vulnerable. These symptoms are:

- high temperature, and/ or ,
- new, continuous cough – coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual), and/ or,
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different from normal

Over the last week we have seen a number of adults and children in our community needing to have a Covid 19 test. I can confirm all the results have been negative so far, however this is an evolving situation and we anticipate this will be on going. Should there be a confirmed case, you will be contacted if a class bubble will need to close.

Please remember that if your child has been in close contact with a confirmed case, they will be required to self-isolate at home for 14 days. Please DO NOT try to get your child tested unless they have developed the symptoms of Covid 19 in order to prevent the inevitable back log we are seeing in the media at the moment. Adults and children must not return to school in a confirmed case before the isolation period is over but if they continue to experience symptoms following this period, they must stay at home until all symptoms have dissipated.

If a sibling has been sent home from school, or if you have opted to keep a child at home as they have symptoms of Covid 19, then only the child who has the symptoms has to be tested. Any other siblings do not require a test unless they begin to experience symptoms but are required to self-isolate for 14 days, or until a negative test has been received. Please contact school if you or anyone in your household is seeking to have a Covid 19 test so we have all the information required to support the children, parents and staff in our school community.

As in any educational establishment, close contact with large groups of children will, inevitably, mean that colds/coughs and other illnesses do spread and we would ask that any child who is feeling unwell is kept at home until well enough to return to a full school day.

I would like to reassure you that we are following all national guidance in order to create a Covid 19 safe school. Please see page 2, new start of day and end of day arrangements.

Best wishes,

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Start of the Day and End of the Day

After listening to feedback, from **Monday 21st September** a new routine will be implemented to achieve better social distancing. We need support and understanding to help us establish parent waiting areas where 2 metre social distancing can work within the outdoor spaces available.

We were reluctant to introduce staggered times to the start and end to the school day as we understand it is tricky with siblings but we now consider this a necessary next step.

Timings and movement around available spaces are important to maintain social distancing:

- Arrive at your allotted class entry/exit area at the times given to avoid cluster groups
- Please arrive promptly as registration will be taken at the start time
- Staggered times still include full school hours whilst supporting social distancing
- The teachers will wait with your child until you collect them
- As soon as you drop or collect your child please leave the school site as soon as possible

The teachers will wait with your child until they are collected by you. If your child is older and you would like them to walk home alone please contact the school office so we can add their name to the 'Walk Alone' register.

Child Entrance	Class	Start	End	Entry/ Exit and Waiting Areas
Back of School	Willow Class	8:45	3:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait at back of school near kitchen area
	Beech Class	8:50	3:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait at back of school near kitchen area
Front door of School	Sycamore Class	8:50	3:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait opposite the front door • Entry /Exit using sloping pathway in front of the pre-school building
Front of School Side Entrance Top Pathway	Chestnut Class	8:45	3:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait in area opposite the side gate • Entry /Exit using sloping pathway in front of the pre-school building
Bottom Playground Side Entrance Bottom Pathway	Elm Class	8:50	3:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Side gate open at 3:00pm • Wait in bottom playground • Entry /Exit via bottom pathway • Entry / Exit steps to the turning circle
	Pine Class	8:55	3:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Side gate open at 3:00pm • Wait in bottom playground • Entry /Exit via bottom pathway • Entry / Exit steps to the turning circle
	Oak Class	8:45	3:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Side gate open at 3:00pm • Wait in bottom playground • Entry /Exit via bottom pathway • Entry / Exit steps to the turning circle

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