



Yealmpton Primary School

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A partner school in the Westcountry Schools Trust (WeST)
Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back into school and we are now in the process of assimilating all the guidance information, and the staff will be preparing classrooms and liaising with each other next week in order to plan for their return. Further information about children's return will be sent to you next week, but I can confirm that the gates and times will remain similar to as they were in the Autumn Term.

The children will be excited to be back in school, although I appreciate that there may also be some anxiety about returning; please try to reassure them. Our initial priority will be to ensure that the children feel happy and safe in school. We will focus on their wellbeing and they will have time to socialise with their classmates so that they can readjust to being back in school. If your child has any particular concerns about returning please ensure that you let their class teacher know via the class email.



Thank you for supporting each other

It will continue to be very important that social distancing is maintained on the journey to and from school and especially at the school gates. Primary aged children are not expected to wear masks but we would urge parents to do so when waiting outside the school to minimise risk of infection. We want to do everything we can to avoid having to close any class groups; children will be washing or sanitising their hands frequently through the day and they will remain in their class groups. Safety of the pupils and staff will remain our priority.



Together we can stay safe in school.

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.

Keeping Drop off Safe

If we all play our part we can keep our school safe. One of our busiest times is the school drop off and pick up and we really need your help to make these transition times as congestion free as we can. From experience the morning drop off is more manageable as the children arrive in a staggered way. It really helps if parents leave the school site as soon as you can after drop off.



Keeping Pick Ups Safe

We can learn from the routines established prior to lockdown 3 to help ensure the end of the day is less busy and maintain the best social distancing we can. As soon as you collect your child please leave the school site as soon as possible. If you have children in two different pick up areas please don't worry as the teachers will wait with your child until they are collected.

'Walk Alone' Register 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.

Back of school	Drop off	Pick up
Willow	8:45	3:05
Sycamore	8:50	3:10
Beech	8:55	3:15

School Front Door	Drop off	Pick up
Chestnut	8:55	3:15

School Side Top Gate	Drop off	Pick up
Elm	8:50	3:10

	Drop off	Pick up
	Lower School Side Gate	Community Centre Car Park Gate
Pine	8:50	3:10
Oak	8:45	3:15



As we the staff reflect on Lockdown 3 and indeed on the past year, we are conscious of all of the very many changes that have taken place since March 22nd 2020. Your messages of support have meant so much to us and have brightened some very demanding moments over the months.

We too appreciate the work that you are doing with your children at home. There are many families who are submitting every piece of work requested, and we are conscious of the time and effort that children are putting into the home learning.

You are doing brilliantly and should be so proud of the way in which your children are continuing to learn despite the difficult circumstances in which we find ourselves. None of us have chosen to be in this situation, but I hope that we can continue to support each other as a School Family, whatever the future brings.



Have a good weekend and take care,
Louise Young
Head teacher