

**Reminder:** Friday 19th June is no longer a staff training day, School will be open as normal.

## Update

We have continued to welcome children from Years N, R, 1 and 6 back into our schools this week. The children have settled into the routines and are now used to the frequent handwashing and the concept of staying apart from each other.

This week the government announced that schools could open more widely IF they had the capacity. Unfortunately at our schools we do not have the capacity to open new social groups for other year groups to attend. We are of course conscious of the time some children have been out of school but with the guidance as it stands there is no way we can change the system in place safely to provide more places. Our online learning offer, via Eschools, remains in place and engaging with that remains important in keeping brains ticking over.

There has also been mention of a 'catch up programme' over the summer holidays. We have no further information on this. As soon as we know anything, we will be passing information on to you as parents.

We are looking for a way to get the children into school to spend some time with their current teacher and talk to them about moving on to their new teacher. This will rely heavily on the weather as it will need to be outdoors so as not to 'pop' the existing bubbles in school. We are looking to finalise these plans within the next week and will get information out as soon as we can.

In terms of September, there are no concrete plans or guidance from the Department for Education yet. We will plan for a 'normal' start with all children allocated to their new classes but this may well not be the case with further phased opening. The prospect of 'blended learning' (learning between school and online) could be an option moving into the new academic year. As always, the children remain at the heart of the decisions we are making. They are all still very important parts of our puzzle here at school. We can't wait for the day when they can all be back in the box safely.

Mrs M Cross  
Executive Headteacher

## Spot Light on Excellence...

### Staying in Touch

We have another week under our belts and school continues to remain calm and positive (despite the awful weather). It is wonderful to have so many of our children return to school, but it constantly reminds me of those who are still at home.

Mrs Cross, Miss Lewis, Mrs Price and I are continuing to make welfare calls to see how you all are. This is an opportunity for us to stay connected with you and your children during such an uncertain time. The children might not be at school, but they remain part of our jigsaw no matter where they are!

Another way we are staying in touch is via Eschools. Home learning is added to Eschools each day for your children to complete. This is an excellent way to keep children in a routine when at home and ensure they are maintaining the skills they acquired before the closure of school. We do advocate learning at home as much as you can, so the children will find it easier to return to school when the time comes.

As always, we thank parents and our community for your unwavering support during this time. I am so utterly proud of being a member of the Dordon Primary School!

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss McGroarty

## Reading Books and Library Books

All reading books and library books must be returned to school by 30th June. From Monday onwards there will be boxes in the school entrance, for each year group, for you to put your child's books in.

### Dates for your Diary

17/07/20 - End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm

#### Academic Year 2020/21

01/09/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
02/09/20 - Autumn Term begins  
26/10/20 - 30/10/20 - Half Term  
02/11/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
18/12/20 - End of Term  
04/01/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
05/01/21 - Spring Term begins  
15/02/21 - 19/02/21—Half Term  
22/02/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
01/04/21 - End of Term  
19/04/21 - Summer Term begins  
03/05/21 - May Bank Holiday  
31/05/21 - 04/06/21 - Half Term  
07/06/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
18/06/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
21/07/21 - End of Term

These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

## Reception B

This week the children in Reception B have been learning all about bubbles:

*"I loved making bubble wands."* Archie

*"I liked making bubble snakes."* Bluebelle

*"I liked writing my bubble story."* Jessica



This year the Summer Reading Challenge is digital!! Go to <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> to join in. You will get rewards, play games and earn badges as you discover awesome books to read this summer!

# What to do if you are feeling unwell

## Step 1: Symptoms

If a child, staff member or member of your household develops a symptom, **STAY AT HOME**.

Call school at once to notify us

If your child or a staff member develops a symptom in school, they will be sent home.

## Step 2: Isolation and Testing

Person with symptoms **STAY AT HOME** for at least 7 days and book a test:

( [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119). Rest of the household **STAY AT HOME** for 14 days (see government advice for ending isolation).

Rest of the social group to be notified of the situation.

## Step 3: Positive Test–

### Confirmed Infection

Child or adult testing positive remains in isolation alongside their family. Follow latest government guidance.

The social group for that child or staff member will be closed for **14 days AND** children and staff **MUST** isolate.

## Step 3: Negative Test

Where the child or adult tests negative, all isolation ends and anyone connected who was in isolation returns to work or school.

## Step 4: Further Action

School notifies Public Health England and the rest of the school continues as normal with the risk assessment in place. School will only close if told to do so by PHE.

Classroom for the social group will be deep cleaned.

Test and Trace will be operated for the infected person.

