

Reminder: Dinner money is £2.25 per day and £11.25 per week and should be paid via Parent Pay at the start of the week.

Isolation

As the first school in Tamworth has experienced having to close a bubble, I thought I would clarify when people should isolate and seek a test.

	Situation	Isolate?
1	I have tested positive for Covid-19	YES – 10 days and 48hours clear of high temperature
2	I have developed a symptom and not yet tested.	YES – until you test negative – if the test is positive follow scenario 1 above.
3	I have been told I am a close contact of a case.	YES – 14 days
4	I am a close contact of someone who has tested positive. I have been tested and I am negative	YES – for 14 days unless you develop symptoms and then test positive (see number 1)
5	A household member has developed symptoms and not yet tested.	YES – until they test negative – if the test is positive household isolates for 14 days
6	A household member has been told to isolate as a close contact	NO – be vigilant, if they start to develop symptoms then you will need to isolate until they test and its negative.
7	I visited someone, within 2m, who has now been told to isolate as a close contact	NO – the person was not symptomatic. If within 48 hours of the visit they develop symptoms and test positive, follow number 3.
8	My sibling is in another class bubble and needs to isolate due to positive Covid 19 case in their class. I am in a different class bubble.	NO – they are not themselves a close contact of a positive case, if their sibling develops symptoms then they need to isolate as per number 5.

The symptoms currently recognised as Covid-19 symptoms are:

- * New persistent cough
- * High temperature (38° or more in children)
- * Loss of taste or smell

There are other symptoms so **if your child is unwell** we would advise that you keep them at home to monitor their symptoms. Contact 111 or your GP for advice on whether your child needs to be tested.

Thank you for your ongoing support. The systems and structures in school are now embedding and working well.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Head

Spot Light on Excellence...

Virtual Assemblies

Due to the virus we have adapted school life in many ways to maintain distance and the safety of staff and pupils. Unfortunately, we are unable to have assembly on a daily basis in the hall, so instead we have had virtual assemblies.

Today, we had our first 'Celebration Assembly' where we shared our new 'Email Home' winners, achievements outside of school, 'Well Done' winners and awarded pupils who have produced beautifully presented pieces of work...the only thing missing were our wonderful families in the audience.

The children and teachers were great at sharing their achievements and despite us not being together in the hall, we still celebrated our pupils and made them feel special. Nothing will stop Dordon's special bond...not even COVID!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.
Miss McGroarty

Hawk

Here is what Hawk class have been enjoying this week:

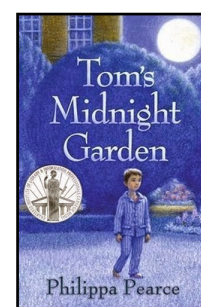
"Since I've been at school I've enjoyed our new book 'Tom's Midnight Garden', because I want to see what's in the garden!" Katrina

"I enjoy Hawk class because I get to learn with all my friends again, that's why I like going to school." Alex

"I feel safe at Dordon because of the one way system and the zones on the playground. We are also doing a lot of hand washing." Imogen

"Since I've been back at school I've enjoyed our new theme 'Time Traveller' and we are even going to be building our own time machine!" Jack

"We've been off school in lockdown for a long time so I'm happy to be back doing some fun work and getting to see all of my friends." Jessica



Last weeks
Postcards Home

Peacock =
Kingfisher = Darci
Swan = Clara
Owl = Max
Swift = Mason
Hawk = Ebony
Falcon = Finley

A letter from the Queen

As part of their online learning during lockdown our ex Year 6 pupils wrote to the Queen about the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Here is the reply they received.



WINDSOR CASTLE

To: The Pupils in Year 6
c/o Sinead McGroarty
Dordon Community Primary School

The Queen wishes me to thank you all for the splendid letters and kind messages which you sent following Her Majesty's broadcast on the seventy-fifth anniversary of VE Day.

The Queen much appreciates your thought for her, The Duke of Edinburgh and The Royal Family at this time, and hopes you and your families too are keeping safe and well during the current situation.

I enclose an information leaflet which you may like to have, and thank you all very much once again for the care you have taken to write your letters.

Mary Gordon

Lady-in-Waiting

7th August 2020

The One Way System on the Playground
and Dropping Off Times

Can we remind parents that it is essential that you adhere to the one way system and designated route on the playground when dropping off and collecting children. Could we also ask that you stick to your child's drop off times to ensure that we do not have too many people on the playground at any one time.

Don't forget our new out of hours email address specifically for reporting Coronavirus is:

coronavirus2018@welearn365.com

Please use this if: your child has tested positive, your child is symptomatic and awaiting a test, or a household member is symptomatic and awaiting test results. This email will be checked in the evening and at weekends and will allow school to seek advice and take appropriate action if we need to.



Calling all Dordon Residents!
Your village needs you!

Don't forget to have your say via Dordon Community Facebook about what you feel about the redevelopment plans for Dordon.



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Twitter pages for all up to
date information.**



Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2020/21

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.



WINDSOR CASTLE

THE ROYAL FAMILY IN WORLD WAR II

At the outbreak of the Second World War, Princess Elizabeth (now The Queen), then aged 13, and her sister, Princess Margaret, aged 9, were on holiday at their Scottish home, Balmoral. Their parents, The King and Queen, had had to leave them to return to London. The Princesses stayed in Scotland until after Christmas and then went to Sandringham, their Norfolk home. After that, they went to live in Windsor Castle, and it was there that they spent most of the war, although they sometimes went to Balmoral or to Sandringham or, for instance, to stay with Queen Mary who stayed with the Duke of Beaufort at Badminton during the War. Other members of The Royal Family also lived away from London at this time.

The King and Queen and their daughters were protected by officers and men from the Brigade of Guards and Household Cavalry and arrangements were made for them to be taken to safety in the event of an invasion by German troops. King George VI and Queen Elizabeth usually spent the day at Buckingham Palace, returning to the comparative safety of Windsor Castle to sleep. Many of the staff who were normally employed at Buckingham Palace also spent the war at Windsor.

Buckingham Palace was hit by bombs nine times during the war, most notably on 12th September 1940, when it seems to have been a deliberate target, and several bombs were dropped, making craters in the courtyard, killing one man and wrecking the Chapel. (The Queen's Gallery is now on the site of the Chapel). Although bombs fell on Windsor on several occasions, the Castle suffered no damage.

At both Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle there were air-raid shelters. Those used by The Royal Family were basement rooms within the main building and they had to use them on many occasions. Both buildings had blackouts, and the most valuable works of art were put into storage for safety.

Just like everybody else, The King and Queen and The Princesses carried identity cards and had ration books for food and clothes. They kept their own clothing coupons but the food coupons were kept in the Supply Section at Buckingham Palace so that their food could be obtained at the same time as that for their staff. Their rations were supplemented by produce from the Royal Gardens.

In February 1945, at the age of 18, Princess Elizabeth joined the A.T.S. (Auxiliary Territorial Service), learning driving and vehicle maintenance. She did her training in the Windsor area, so was able to remain at Windsor Castle, after which she became a Subaltern and, by the end of the war, had reached the rank of Junior Commander.