

Water Primary School

Happiness, Health & Opportunity

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I just wanted to write to update you with information on the next set of home learning packs and to also further apologise regarding the phased reopening for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6.

I left the confirmation of places as late as possible and wrote the letter Wednesday afternoon, unfortunately advice came from LCC at 5pm. I can only apologise for the confusion this must have caused. I know that this news may have come as relief to some parents, but similarly I also know that a number of parents and children were looking forward to a return of some sort of normal. Either view is entirely understandable, in fact myself and staff (although slightly anxious) were looking forward to seeing our children's smiles once again. So much planning had taken place by all concerned, this is not wasted however, just postponed. For how long? I really can't answer that at the moment but of course I will keep you informed every step of the way.

We really can't go against LCC and their advice, as the school could quite conceivably be liable for legal action if anything went wrong. I hope you understand this. You have all been so incredibly supportive of the school and can't thank you enough for this. It is certainly appreciated and made things so much easier for the staff and I, so thank you.

In terms of the Home Learning for the next few weeks, the packs and resources are now ready for collection. The following times on Monday 1st June have now been allocated:-

- **EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 9am-10am**
- **Year 3,4,5 and 6 10-12pm**

As always if you need assistance with collection please just let me know.

The teachers have worked incredibly hard compiling these packs and I am so grateful to them for their dedication and effort they have shown. In addition, video lessons for certain year groups will also be posted on SeeSaw. I know how incredibly difficult 'Home Learning' is, hopefully instruction and delivery from their own teacher, in the form of a video may help. These of course are there to just help, and to use when you can. For EYFS and Year 1

you will find online videos for Phonics, Handwriting and Reading. We are also looking to post online PSHE circle time type activities to help you with discussion around the topic of Mental Health and Wellbeing. Again, this will only be there if you wish to use and there is no demand from us for you to use. We are also planning to have more 'zoom' chats with all classes, which will include circle times, quizzes etc. So please look out for these.

Mr Smedley has been busy over the last week recording virtual PE lessons for all the children. These can be accessed through SeeSaw and will be published Monday afternoon (KS1, EYFS) Tuesday afternoon (KS2). We hope you find these useful.

As always, if there is anything you need, please get in touch.

Enjoy the weather this weekend, enjoy the outdoors. I hope to see you all soon. Keep going and take care.

Mr Willan
Headteacher

