

Water Primary School

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Good afternoon

Once again I would like to thank you all for your support and patience over the past few weeks. It certainly has been a difficult time, in all our lives.

I just wanted to write to update you all on a number of items.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the lack of engagement or presence on the playground before and after school. There are a number of reasons for this but mainly it is in order to keep social distancing measures in place and to keep the risk of infection between staff, pupils and parents to a minimum. In addition, we have also been extremely busy at these times of the day. I have certainly missed the interaction and morning greetings. I am sure by September we will be back to some sort of normality. It goes without saying that a huge strength of the school is the partnership between school and parents, for example the strong communication between school and home or visits into school for meetings, or for you to share talents or knowledge for any of our curriculum areas. It has certainly been missed. Let's hope that all this can resume in September.

Staffing

Next week will see the school interview a number of teaching candidates to cover maternity and classes next year. We are all excited by these potential appointments and I can assure you that only the best will suffice. We are also looking to appoint a Level 2 TA and a 1:1 TA to support the school from September. These positions and advertisements will be concluded in July. Following the teaching appointments next week, I will release the class structure for next year. These unprecedented times have unfortunately delayed certain aspects of school life and transition and inductions have been one of those items which has been affected. Uncertainty has also surrounded our school budget, especially the extra Covid-19 costs the school has to endure. I will notify you all of transition dates for your children next week.

Sports Day

Due to the rise of infections and the closure of class bubbles we will be organising a pupil only Sports Day this year. I know how disappointing this is. The parent's race is definitely the highlight of the year. As many of you will know, and thanks to the efforts of the school in securing grants and the massive help and support from local businesses and friends, work is due to start on the upgrade of our community sports field. We are hoping this will be completed for our return in September. A series of events are planned to celebrate the opening of the new field, these events will be fantastic for our community but it will also allow for new parents to meet staff, other parents and see our school and pupils in action.



Please see below:

- Parent and School Sports' Day
- Charity Football Match – Children's Tournament followed by a Community Tournament.

England V Germany

We have made a request for after school club to close on Tuesday at 4.30pm. I am sure many of you will be watching the game and in order to allow our staff to also watch the game, we have made this decision in the interest of staff wellbeing and morale. I hope you understand. Normal curriculum clubs will continue on this day and will finish at 4.25pm.

School Uniform

A number of weeks ago I mentioned the possibility of changing our policy to include the Water Tracksuit for every day of the week. The response was positive but there were a number of families who felt that the cost was too high. I have been in dialogue with a number of suppliers including the current supplier with regards to prices, unfortunately I am no nearer to making this change cost effective therefore the current uniform policy will continue for now for at least another year. I do not feel it is fair to allow this indecision to go on any longer. I hope you all understand.

Reports

Our teachers are currently busy completing your child's report and these will be sent out before the end of term.

Year 6

Finally, I would like to spare a thought for our magnificent Year 6, who sadly leave Water in a few weeks. I am extremely proud of their resilience and progress over the years. These superstars were my first Reception Class at Water and I will always cherish our memories, smiles and conversations. I have seen them all grow into wonderful young adults, who are ready for the next step in their educational journey. We have planned a series of memories and activities for them as we prepare to say goodbye.

As always please do get in touch if there is anything I can help with.

Please look out for our Newsletter with more information and news from this week at Water.

Mr Willan
Headteacher

