



NEWS FLASH



Friday 19th June 2020

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see more children returning to school this week as part of our phase 3. The week has gone well and I would like to thank all the children, parents and staff who have continued to follow the new protocols extremely well which gives us all the confidence that the environment continues to be as safe as we can make it. We now have 18 Bubbles in our 18 classrooms and whilst the government's clear restrictions remain in place, our risk assessment shows that we are unable to add any further Bubbles to the school.

With this in mind, I am very aware that the majority of our families continue to be at home. There are 413 children who have been at home now for 13 weeks with a further 4.5 weeks of home schooling and an additional 6 weeks summer holidays ahead. The teaching team at Worpleston wants to do more for these children so we have added **new live lessons**, as well as **additional support** as detailed in the table below.

Year group	Live lesson delivery	Additional support
Reception	Daily story time with the class teacher – minimum 3 times a week.	Support and feedback from TAs. Weekly Google Meets with all home based children.
Year 1	Live phonics session (9-9.15) – minimum 3 times a week.	Regular phone calls to those at home. Wow work on the classroom. Weekly Google Meets with all home based children.
Year 2	Live streamed Maths input sessions – minimum 3 times a week.	Check in phone calls and 1:1 Google Meets. Class Google Meets (timetable in weekly update). Weekly Google Meets with all home based children.
Year 3	Live streamed core subject sessions – minimum 3 times a week.	Tip sheet to support parental expectations at home. Star of the week. Weekly Google Meets with all home based children. 1:1 meetings as needed
Year 4	Live streamed core subject sessions – minimum 3 times a week.	Trialling of a timetabled 'learning surgery' 45 minute session for pupils to ask questions about any curriculum area on the classroom, led by a teacher. Weekly Google Meets with all home based children. 1:1 Support with key children. Wow work on the classroom
Year 5	Live streamed sessions minimum – 3 times a week in a core subject.	Google Meets and regular teacher feedback and check in. 1:1 meetings as needed. Celebration gallery.
Year 6	Live streamed sessions – minimum 3 times a week.	1:1 phone calls as needed Regular feedback Online support from Mrs Marsden during the school day.

Whilst there is consistency across the year groups, there will be differences that reflect the different ages of the children. We hope that the live sessions and additional Google Meets will help those families remaining at home who are showing such resilience and courage.

In addition to the above, we are exploring the possibility of all children having the opportunity to come back in small groups for a short session outside where children can catch up and close the academic year with their class teacher ahead of the summer holidays. **We have only just started to explore this and will need to carry out a full risk assessment to ensure that this can happen.** I will write again once we know more.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, senior leader or myself if we can support in any other way.

Best wishes,



Kareen O'Brien
Head Teacher

DROP OFF & ARRANGEMENTS

As you know from Mrs O'Brien's previous communication, we have staggered the children's drop off and pick-ups to minimise the social contact between parents and children in different Bubbles. This is going very well and we would like to thank you for your support. We do think we can make a few adjustments (as shown in the table below) which will hopefully make life easier for parents and ensure the children optimise time for learning. With these new drop off arrangements, the gates will be shut at 9am.



Year group	Current drop off	Any changes to drop off time?	Pick up times remain the same at...
Reception – full time bubbles (Violet, Purple)	Between 8.45 – 9.00	8.30 - 8.45	3.15pm
Reception – part time bubbles (Lilac, Lavender)	1pm	12.55 – 1.00	3.30pm
Year 1 – full time bubble (Indigo)	Between 8.45 – 9.00	8.45 – 8.55	3.15pm
Year 1 – part time bubbles (Navy, Turquoise, Sapphire)	9am	8.45 – 8.55	11.30am
Year 2 key worker bubble (Blue)	Between 8.45 – 9.00	8.45 - 8.55	3.15pm
Year 3 key worker bubbles (Green, Lime)	Between 8.30 – 8.45	8.30 - 8.40	3.00pm
Year 4 key worker bubbles (Yellow, Lemon)			3.00pm
Year 5 key worker bubble (Orange)			3.15pm
Year 6 – all bubbles (Red, Crimson, Scarlet, Cherry)			3.15pm



IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING

Whilst we are pleased with how well our partial re-opening is going, we must remind parents of the importance of adhering to the Government's social distancing guidance outside of school. Leaders and governors have decided that it is safe to partially open Worplesdon Primary School if:

1. The school implements the mitigations highlighted in the school's robust risk assessment
2. Worplesdon Primary School families adhere to the government's social distancing guidance

Failure to follow the guidance on social distancing when outside of school means your child is at greater risk of bringing the virus into school, contaminating the whole Bubble thus placing the children and teaching staff at risk.

VIRTUAL SURREY SCHOOL GAMES 2020

We are uploading the Surrey School Games activities from Active Surrey to the weekly challenge section of our website. There is also a Level Up challenge which allows the young people to be creative and adapt the activity using STEPS (Space, Task, Equipment, People and Speed). They have to share on social media (via parent account) using the hashtag #VirtualSSG2020. There is a £20 Amazon voucher up for grabs, each week, for the best one!

It is so important that we are keeping our bodies fit and our minds healthy. Many of our children are really starting to feel the effects of our current situation and motivation is starting to dip – now more than ever is the time to get active, get those endorphins flowing and have some fun!

<https://www.worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=P%2E%2E+Pupil+Weekly+Challenge&pid=92>

DONATIONS

We have had a number of parents/carers kindly offer to make a donation to the school at this difficult and challenging time, to go towards resources such as pens/pencils/glue sticks etc, as we have provided every child currently in school with their own personal set.

If you would like to make a donation, the school's bank account details are below:

SCC-Worplesdon Primary School
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Please reference the bank transfer **Donation** along with your name, thank you 😊.