



## Weekly Update: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

In light of this week's announcement from the Prime Minister about the reopening of schools to all pupils from 8th March, I wanted to let you know that we are well underway with our plans to welcome the children back to school. I am sure you are all pleased that our collective efforts to reduce community transmission of the coronavirus has had such a positive impact but we know this time has been tough for everyone. You have done an amazing job of 'home schooling' and our critical worker parents have continued to keep our country going under such difficult circumstances. I urge you to keep your child focused on the remote learning that is by the teachers for this last week so that they come back to school as up-to-date as possible. When school reopens, we will focus on reconnecting the children with our expectations, values and learning behaviours. The '3Rs' will underpin the recovery curriculum: Reading, Routines and Relationships. As always, we will focus on mental and physical wellbeing, social connections and will have high academic expectations for all the children. I am so pleased that we can finally reopen the school to all pupils; it hasn't been the same without them all in school.

We know that you will continue to support us and continue to follow all guidance provided. We will continue to follow the same Autumn term procedures and measures. The following expectations will still be required when we return:

- Please show extra vigilance and patience when on the school site.
- Use both entrances (Front playground for Pippin, Maigold, Gala and Discovery; Water Street entrance for Camelot and Blenheim).
- Dropping off and pick up times- please use the one-way systems.
- Keep the flow going using the one-way systems. No loitering and gathering within or outside the school site.
- Only one adult on site to drop off/pick up children please.
- Parents/carers to wear face coverings (unless you have a medical reason to not wear one).
- Please avoid the school office by making contact by phone or email. If you have a concern that you want to share with your child's teacher, please email the school ([curryrivelpriamary@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:curryrivelpriamary@educ.somerset.gov.uk)) ensuring that you state which teacher the message is for. You can also phone the school office to ask the class teacher to call you if you prefer.

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As in the autumn term, we will continue to do the following:

- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene throughout the day.
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Active engagement with NHS Test and Trace.
- Reduced contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible.
- Grouping children together in their class 'bubbles'.
- Avoiding contact between 'bubbles'.
- Arranging classrooms to maximise safe working practices.
- Staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible.
- Large gatherings such as assemblies will be avoided.

New measures include:

- Staff taking Lateral Flow Tests twice a week (Covid 19 testing kits).
- Staff are now being asked to wear face coverings when moving around the school site and many also wear them in the classroom.

Other points to note:

- School PE kit to be worn on PE days. **Plain** black/navy tracksuit bottoms please (School jumpers or **plain** black/navy sweaters can be worn on top).
- Normal high standards of school uniform are expected. (If uniform does not fit and you are finding it difficult to find items, please contact the school office to see if we can help). If school shoes do not fit, please do your best- inform the school office if your child will not be wearing school shoes.
- We will provide all stationary, so no pencil cases from home required.
- Ideally plastic type lunch boxes for packed lunches.

We are continuously working with the Local and National Public Health teams as well as being supported fully by our Local Authority. If anyone in your family is displaying any of the following symptoms:

o A high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).

o A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

o A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. Please contact us and then you must do the following:



1. Get a test to check if you have Coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result - only leave your home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.
3. Contact the School with the result: it is vital that you keep us informed so that we can take action as soon as possible. This good communication really helped us last term to keep on top of the situation.
4. If the result is negative you may return to the school. If positive, that person and their family must follow up to date self-isolation guidance. The school will contact the appropriate bodies and seek advice for the school-wide community at this point. This advice must be followed. For cases that affect a whole year group within the school, please follow the advice given to you by email which is directly from Public Health. We recognise that advice and restrictions are changing all the time and this will continue through this next phase of coming out of lockdown.

School attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from 8 March. The usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- Parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school.
- The ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

As always, if you have **any concerns** about your child returning to the school then **please contact us** directly next week; we will work with you to ensure that your return is a positive experience- children's wellbeing is our utmost priority. Thank you for your vigilance in keeping yourselves, your families and our community safe at this time.

Next week, Collective Worship will focus on preparing the children for return, so I urge all pupils to watch these videos. In addition, pupils will be asked to share their thoughts and feelings through a short survey on Google Classroom. If you have questions, queries or concerns, please share these with us via Google Forms so I can respond to them next week. Here is the link:

<https://forms.gle/Fov6XqRsoiNCcd3N9>

## Reading Books & Home Learning Exercise Books

Please can I urge you to locate any school reading books you will have from the end of the autumn term - these must be returned to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March so we can replenish our depleted book areas-

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thank you. Also, children who have been learning from home need to bring in their home learning exercise books.

### Design Technology Pooky Challenge

It was a real pleasure to see the energy and efforts which went into the amazing architectural models completed before half-term and over the half-term break. Miss Yarde and I spent a considerable amount of time enjoying unique and creative building designs. It was difficult to judge so many great contributions, but we managed it in the end. We celebrate all of the designs but have settled on 'winning' and 'highly commended' entrants. Here they are:

**Pippin:** Winner: Noah; Highly Commended: Isabelle, Herbie

**Maigold:** Winner: Darcy J; Highly Commended: Millie, Anna, Arya

**Gala:** Winner: Harrison; Highly Commended: Sienna, Freddie, Elcie, Toby W

**Discovery:** Winner: Taylor; Highly Commended: Alfie, Summer, Clemmie, Bea, Harriet

**Camelot:** Winner: Oliver; Highly Commended: Xander, Isabelle

**Blenheim:** Winner: Chloe; Highly Commended: Chelsy, Ivy

### World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day, which is on Thursday 4th March, even though we will not be celebrating this altogether as we normally would. Dressing up would normally be part of this day and if children would still like to dress up as their favourite book character, they are more than welcome to.

All classes will be participating in a variety of activities through google classroom to celebrate World Book Day. Children will be invited to join a live storytelling session through google meets with their class teacher at some point on the day. There will be an extreme reading challenge set to see who can read their favourite book in the most unusual place around their house. There will also be designing an object to the theme of a book activity that is intended to take the place of the dressing up we usually do. More details about this will be shared by class teachers but you may want to find a paper plate, wooden spoon or a shoe box in advance for children to decorate on the day.

Staff will also be sharing a variety of photos of different members of staff hiding behind their favourite book so that the children can try and guess who might be behind the book!

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World Book Day Vouchers will be handed out to all children on their return to school on Monday 8th March.

We look forward to celebrating World Book Day with you all.

**Award winners for this week**

**Class cup:**

Pippin: Edie

Maigold: Lexi-Mae

Gala: Jack

Discovery: Tiana

Camelot: Amy

Blenheim: May

**Lunchtime awards:**

Sophia E (Camelot)

**Headteacher awards:**

Ryley (Blenheim)

**100 Merit Certificates:**

Gala: Bethany, James, Belle, Toby H, Sienna

Discovery: Casper, Oliver

**Other achievements:**

**Sophie (Discovery):** Girlguiding Virtual Camp

**Alex (Discovery):** Virtual bake off during the half term holiday and baked his own triple layer chocolate cake independently.

Have a restful weekend.

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