



Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

Learning together - enjoying success - aiming high - celebrating difference – enriching community

Weekly Newsletter – 13th January 2021

'.....commitment to ensuring that all pupils are afforded the best opportunity to achieve is at the centre of every decision.....' OFSTED July 2017

Chair of Governors: Niema Bohrayba

STEPPING THROUGH 2021 LOCKDOWN: 'IGNORE THE NOISE – LET'S LISTEN TO EACH OTHER'

Whilst it's been an unusual start to the term, we have been delighted to hear from so many children and parents, we've heard about the the shared experiences you are having, queries that you have and the learning that you have been doing.

By now you may have had a phone call from your child's class teacher, their learning partner or from Denise Tancock our family worker, providing you with opportunity to chat through any thoughts or questions you may have. You may have had contact with us through a range of other means too.



We may not be as physically present for your child as we would want, but we are nevertheless always 'remotely' present and hold your child's learning and well being close to us. As always we are keen to work in partnership with you so please get in touch in there's something on your mind.

As we said last week our children are experiencing so much change and challenge – **just being there for them, and doing what feels right to you is the best support that anyone can bring.**

- **It's a marathon not a sprint – let's just take it step by step**
- **Our best hopes and number one priority is that all families and children are safe, comfortable and as happy as they can be – just that, no more!**
- **We want children to return to us happy and confident – this will mean that when we open again we will welcome you back, children will be ready to learn and we will support them with this learning**

Please remember that we are here to answer any queries you may have, get in touch using the following means:

1. School Gateway;
2. Email - admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk;
3. Speaking with school staff via telephone 01626 203040;

HOME LEARNING

Have you checked out our Learning at Home page yet? It's the place to begin when looking for remote learning for any class within school during this period of closure. Just go to the school website at www.haytorview.devon.sch.uk . You won't be able to miss it. Get in touch if you have any questions or think we can help in any way with your children's learning at home.



HOW TO MAKE CONTACT WITH YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER

We are aware of the difficulties regarding communication between class teams and parents, as staff seek to make contact with families. Unfortunately we have limited phone capacity in the school, and staff have limited time for calls due to their other commitments.

With this in mind, we will be providing each class with its own mobile phone, which will enable parents to leave messages direct for the class team to pick up during the day and respond to.



We will update you once the phones arrive. In the meantime please contact school using the usual means.

WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS

We continue to encourage parents to wear face masks during drop off and collection times, and require all visitors to the school building to wear a face covering.



CHANGE IN SELF ISOLATION TIME FROM 14 to 10 DAYS

We have been asked by Devon County Council to inform you that the self isolation time for Covid has been reduced from 14 to 10 days.

HAVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED?

We continue to be keen to support as many families as possible to access free school meal provision. We have recently put in arrangements that see us currently providing vouchers to spend in supermarkets to those who qualify.

If you think that you may be entitled to access this provision or just want to double check, we can easily assist with this. There is no effort required on your part, other than picking up the phone and speaking with one of our Admin team or our Parent Worker who will be only too happy to assist.



So if in doubt, please get in touch.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS – ‘GOING FOR GOALS’

This week we are encouraging children to celebrate the way in which they engage with the school's Core Offer, particularly independence with their learning. Whilst we are not together to share in the celebration, we hope you might be able to take some time at home to reflect on your child's efforts.

‘I recognise and value difference’

- Mrs Galling has nominated: Kadie Dixon
- Miss Butler has nominated: Lilly-Jane Escott
- Mrs Penn has nominated: Everlyn Kent
- Miss Hall has nominated: Raya Small
- Mr Franklin has nominated: Mary-Kate Lawson
- Miss Cameron has nominated: Alesha Adams
- Mrs Brown has nominated: Ryland Vaughan
- Mrs Cousins has nominated: Paige Wood
- Miss Shopland has nominated: Shayla Mealand
- Mr Hankin has nominated: Ebony Cude-King



GOVERNMENT HANDWASHING ADVICE

The most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves is to wash their hands more often. Soap and water and regular handwashing for at least 20 seconds is the best way of staying safe.

Hand washing with soap employs mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus.



THAT FOODBANK

The school has strong links with the foodbank in more difficult times they are there for everyone, both online at www.thatfoodbank.com, and are located at the end of Queensway - 8 Queensway House, Queensway, Buckland, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4BA Tel: 01626 437310.

Feel free to contact them direct or speak contact the school if you would like an introduction to the service – please don't wait until you are going short – having food provided can ease pressure in other areas of household costs too.



SAFEGUARDING – EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

If you are concerned about a child or if you need help parenting your child you can call 0345 155 1071 or email mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk. Out of hours please call 0845 6000 388. If it is an emergency dial 999.

Should you have any safeguarding concerns the Designated Safeguarding Leads at the school are: Mrs Galling, Mr Hampton and Mrs Tancock

