

18<sup>th</sup> September 2020



Dear Chagford Families,

It's been a busy and productive week at Chagford. Children are getting stuck into their new topics, class routines and there is a lovely learning buzz about the place!

I am really grateful that parents are dropping off and collecting children in the new places at the staggered times, and not hanging about! It is helping us to keep to our risk assessment protocols. I know this is a challenge if you have more than one child, but the system seems to have worked out well with doors being open for longer in the morning and parents standing back from entrances in the afternoon.

I know lots of you are concerned about when to keep children off school as we have received a lot of calls this week. Please refer to the guidance and if you are not sure please call 111.

*The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:*

- *a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*
- *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)*
- *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*

If you, your child or anyone in your household has these symptom, please stay off school and seek advice on how to obtain a test. Do let us know if you or someone in the household is having a test. As always, if your child has sickness or diarrhoea please keep them off school until symptom have passed.

The NHS website is kept up to date so please check here [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) Philippa and I really don't have any additional information or expertise!

### **Ground Force Day**

This is something we discussed last Thursday in our meeting. We would love willing volunteers to help us develop our school grounds. If you are able to volunteer your time and energy we would really appreciate it as many hands make light work!

Our first session will be next Saturday (26<sup>th</sup> September) 9 am – 1 pm

To comply with our H&S risk assessment, we will be working in bubbles of no more than 6 in different areas of the grounds and keeping socially distanced. To keep numbers within our allowances, we are only inviting Chagford parents, no children.

Do bring along gloves, wellies, gardening equipment, and a bottle of water! Unfortunately we are not able to provide snacks to share so please do bring your own.

We will have plenty of jobs for all abilities and I will try to make sure we have a laugh too!

Many thanks to the parents who have already said they will come along.

### **Class Newsletters**

Please look out for newsletters from class teachers. These will contain lots of class specific information such as when they need PE kits and when homework will be set, and collected. Something that will help us all is if you make sure your children's jumpers are labelled. I have personally struggled to reunite several jumpers with their owners this week! PE kits and school shirts too please!

### **Parent meetings**

This term we will be conducting our parents / teacher consultations over the phone. We will talk about how your child has settled, ask you how things are at home and share targets for the year ahead. We will do this the week of 28<sup>th</sup> September. Meetings are for 10 mins.

Class teachers are available during these times:

	Available time slots
Miss Sara Halsey Reception	Please contact Sara directly <a href="mailto:sara@chagford-primary.devon.sch.uk">sara@chagford-primary.devon.sch.uk</a>
Miss Emily Coleman Year 1&2	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 1.00-4.00pm Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 3.30-5.30pm
Miss Lisa Rowe / Miss Tara Penny Y3	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 10.00am-2.00pm Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 4.00-6.00pm
Mrs Liz Robertson	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 3.40-5.50pm Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 9.20-10.50am
Mr Lee Billinghamurst	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 4.00-5.30pm Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 4.00-5.00pm Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 4.00-5.30pm

Please make an appointment with Miss Jackson by calling 01647 432412 or emailing [admin@chagford-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@chagford-primary.devon.sch.uk)

If you are unable to make one of these allocated slots, please let us know and we will try to accommodate another time.

## Clubs

As many of you are aware, the traditional breakfast club and after school club model was not working for us as only a few families were using the provision and it was not cost effective. We now have our before and after school provision in the form of extracurricular activity clubs. These will change during year. There is a charge of £3.75 which will be used to support school funds for extracurricular resources, payable in advance. We are always looking for local volunteers to support us, so if you have a passion or talent, please get in touch! At the moment we do have restrictions regarding visitors, volunteers and mixing groups, but we hope this will not be long term. At present we are offering:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.00am – 9.00am	Sports - Saints	Running Club	Dance	Den building	Cooking
3.30pm - 4.30pm	Baking Sports -Saints	British Sign Language Chess KS2	Dressmaking	Art Netball Y6	Journalism Football Y6 with Craig

Craig is back! He can only run football club for Year 6 on a Friday at the moment. This is open to all of Year 6. You will need football boots and shin pads. Please sign up with him via Miss Jackson if you do not already have his phone number.

To sign up for Saints on a Monday please go to <https://saints-southwest.class4kids.co.uk/> for all other clubs please go to School Gateway.

### **'Incident at School' Scams**

The DMAT have received reports of parents of being called on the phone, allegedly by their school, to say their child has been involved in an incident or taken ill. An example has been where a parent was called to say the child was ill and asked to dial 1 to be connected to right person to speak to. This child was at home that day so they knew it could not be correct so they attempted to ring the school but discovered the phone line had been held open reportedly to a high cost phone line. In another example the parents were asked to contact the school on the number provided, which again turned out to be a high cost phone line. If we call you, we will only ask you to call us back on our school number 01647 432412.

### **If you have a question or concern...**

Please talk to us about any questions or concerns you may have, we would much rather try and help than have you worry at home. Do remember we are on your side! If you want to talk about your child, the best person is always the class teacher as they have the daily contact and know your child the best. If it's a message to be passed on or about clubs, Miss Jackson is your person. I'm happy to help if it's something they can't help you with.

All the very best,

Tara Penny  
Head of School