

Wyche C.E. Primary School

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4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Hello to you all and welcome back to a new year and a new term at The Wyche. We hope that this finds you all well. It's been a delightful and busy two days and I can assure you there has been a calm but engaged atmosphere here as your children have readily engaged with full-time learning. They seem delighted to be back, glad to be together again and we're very glad to see them too.

Our procedures for minimising risk are working smoothly and your children are respectfully and sensibly engaging with increased handwashing, changed timetables and different seating arrangements. It doesn't seem to be damping their enthusiasm and I have heard lots of excited and engaged conversations about this term's fascinating 'vehicles'.

As your new headteacher I've been made very welcome indeed by your friendly children and have been struck by their good manners, politeness and caring natures. It genuinely is a lovely school and I see that I am indeed lucky to learn and work amongst you. As parents you have been equally welcoming on the gate, asking me how my day went and making (socially distanced) contact. Thank you. As a newcomer this makes all the difference.

**Seesaw**

Look out for an invitation to the Seesaw app. Seesaw allows your child or their teacher to send you instant news about learning and for you to communicate directly with the teacher too. In these times where you cannot just pass on a message at the gate, we thought this might be a welcome form of communication. We hope you find it useful.

**Digital Development**

Parents may be interested to know in the interest of upgrading the school's communications and digital offer we will be having a new website designed with the intent that it will go live during the autumn term. We have sought estimates some reputable firms but if parents know of any providers offering quality product for good value for money please let us know.

In terms of the development of a visual learning platform to provide blended learning and remote education we have successfully engaged with the Department for Education in order to secure funding, been directed by them to an experienced IT service provider and are now in conversations with IBS, our Worcester Technical Support Team. I'll keep you informed Parents with experience of setting up or running this kind of application are welcome to get in touch so that we can develop a suitable offer in partnership.

**PE**

As you are aware, to assist with social distancing we are asking children to come into school in their PE kit on the days they will be having PE. The lessons for each class will be:

Red – Wednesday & Friday

Yellow – Tuesday & Friday

Blue – Monday & Tuesday

Orange – Monday & Wednesday

Green – Thursday & Friday

All PE lessons will be taking place outside so, as the weather gets colder, the children can wear dark joggers/ leggings and a dark sweatshirt on PE days.

**Instrument lessons** Lessons will be resuming during the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September. If your child might be interested in instrument lessons please contact the school office.

**Guidance** The DfE has issued some updated guidance for parents which you may be interested to read. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?>

**Updates** You will find a data catchment letter, medical information letter and a signup letter for seesaw in your child's bag this evening. We should be grateful if you could return these completed and updated as necessary as soon as possible to ensure that we have the most up to date information to hand should it be required.

**Friends** The Friends have set up whatsapp groups for parents in each of the classes. If you are interested in joining the links are:

Red <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LFrQIAaUAI66Ji9eC769Ia>

Yellow <https://chat.whatsapp.com/C9ia0uunurw6780B9Sunck>

Blue <https://chat.whatsapp.com/B6KKaEpT4qV1mRGobbAvJR>

Orange <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Jicnc4eeBnzGOOxWNZdN7v>

Green <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HHefa4aZo7SCH5IR9MIq0R>

And

Facebook [https://m.facebook.com/groups/1069214433148770?group\\_view\\_referrer=profile\\_browser](https://m.facebook.com/groups/1069214433148770?group_view_referrer=profile_browser)

Thanks again for your support and patience as we try to navigate this tricky global situation, keeping a safe, high-quality education at the top of our list of priorities.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Murphy  
Headteacher