

The Topsham School

A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do



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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you have all had a lovely Summer break and have managed to spend some really special time with your families and friends. The staff have been in school today getting the classrooms prepared to welcome back our children tomorrow.

At present, CV19 cases remain high in our area and so the mitigating structures and procedures we had in place in the Summer Term, will remain in place. I have now received updated government guidance and will be sifting through this throughout this week. Part of this work will be updating the school's risk assessment, which I have now received from the Local Authority, and once I have completed this and ratified it with appropriate governors, I will share this with parents/carers via our website. With this in mind I wanted to remind you of the following:

Start and end of the school day will remain staggered and children will continue to say goodbye to their parents/carers at the school gate:

8.40am Yr 5 enter through the Yellow Gate (this is the gate to the left of the schools entrance and Yr 6 enter through the Blue Gate (to the right of the entrance)

3.15pm Yr 5 exit through the Yellow Gate and Yr 6 exit through the Blue Gate

8.45am Yr 1 enter through the Yellow Gate and Yr 2 enter through the Blue Gate

3.20pm Y1 and 2 exit through the same gates they entered by

8.50am Yr 3 enter the Yellow Gate and Yr 4 enter through the Blue Gate

3.25pm Yr 3 and 4 exit through the same gates they entered by.

When FSU are all in they will come in through the Yellow Gate at 9am and exit via this gate at 3.30pm.

PE: Children to come in their PE kit; please ensure this is appropriate school uniform PE kit and children are in trainers NOT football boots.

This Half Term PE is as follows:

- Big Acorns: PE is flexible, day to day and NO PE kit is needed yet
- Year 1 and 2 Monday and Wednesday
- Year 3 and 4 Thursday and Friday
- Year 5 and 6 Tuesday and Thursday

Ordering School Lunches:

Parents/carers should now be able to order lunches online via Schoolcomms. The system can take a little while to be ready as all the children's names need to be converted to their new class. This should now all be done. If, however, you find you are still unable to do this for tomorrow (Tues 7th Sept) please know by emailing admin@topsham.devon.sch.uk before 8.15am and the school will order a meal for your child on this occasion. We would never let a child be without lunch 😊

Big and Little Acorns phased start of the new year:

All BA and LA parents/carers received information about our phased start to this academic year. Any questions or concerns in regards to these arrangements need to be sent directly to the class teachers. Thank you. 😊

If someone in the household tests positive for CV19:

The advice remains that the whole household isolates for 10 days and any family member gets tested if they start to show signs and symptoms.

Moving forward

As a school we ALL want to get things 'back to normal' as soon as we can; including having our parents back on site to meet and greet their children. It is important we do so safely. With this in mind, we will work at 'opening up' gradually and again we will inform you and your children of these changes prior to them happening.

May I take this opportunity to welcome our new families who have now moved to our area and whose children are starting with us tomorrow, we hope you have a wonderful first week with us and we look forward to getting to know you all over the coming months and years.

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow,

Kind regards

Mrs Pipe
Headteacher