

Newsletter



4th March 2021

Message from Headteacher



We are so looking forward to seeing all of the children once again on Monday. This newsletter will give you the information you need about arrangements for school from next week. As always, please get in touch with us via the school office with any questions.

Updated guidance for parents and carers from the DfE can be found through the following link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know>

I'm sure that we all agree that we want to do everything we can to help prevent any further school closures! So once again, we will be asking for the help and support of our whole school community to follow the guidelines that are in place.

I would like to take this opportunity to again say a huge well done to all of our children and families, who have had to adapt to such strange circumstances with no preparation. It has been fantastic to see such high levels of engagement and lots of effort on the part of both children and adults!

I would also like to recognise and thank our school staff for all they have done to support children in school and children at home. I know how much they are looking forward to seeing their whole classes back together again.

Thank you for the positive feedback we have received about the parent/teacher meetings taking place on Teams. It is great to be able to work together to support the children as they start back.

Best wishes,

Alice Purcell

Drop off and Pick up

We have altered the arrangements for the start and end of the day slightly to reduce the number of people on the driveway.

Drop off: All classes (except pre-school) should arrive **between 8.45 and 9.00**. Children can walk straight into school, without the need to wait. Familiar staff will be on hand to welcome the children at the front of school. This approach will only work if families arrive at different times across the 15 minute period. Please do not arrive before 8.45. Elm and Chestnut classes will enter through the field gate, Oak and Willow classes will enter through the foyer and Maple class will enter through the Maple class door.

Pick up: families whose surnames begin with A-J will leave at 3.15. Families whose surnames begin with K-Z will leave at 3.25. The children will leave from the same places that they arrived.

Please remember to socially distance and wear a face covering. As soon as your child is picked up or dropped off, we ask that you leave the school site.

Covid 19 Testing for Parents and Carers

Whole families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, will be able to test themselves for Covid 19 using lateral flow tests twice every week from home.

The tests are not accessed through the school. The following link provides information about how to access lateral flow tests.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

We would encourage as many families as possible to take part in this to support early identification of cases of Covid 19 within the community.



Key Dates for your Diary

Fri 19th March: Comic Relief
Non Uniform Day- wear something red
Suggested donation £1

Thursday 1st April: Last day of term

Monday 19th April: First day of the summer term

Assessment

Teachers will be keen to assess the children's knowledge and understanding over the next few weeks. This will be done sensitively and positively, bearing in mind that the children may need time to settle in and feel happy and secure within the school environment again.

In the last week before Easter, we will be assessing the children using the usual systems that we have in place for end of term assessments from Year 1- Year 6. The results of these will be communicated to you at the start of the Summer Term.

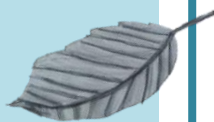
Class rules

We would be grateful if you are able to remind your child of the rules that need to be followed at school at the moment because of Covid 19. Please be assured that our expectations of children in relation to these are age appropriate.

1. I will avoid physical contact with other children and adults, wherever possible
2. I will regularly wash my hands throughout the day for at least 20 seconds
3. I will tell an adult if I feel unwell
4. I will only use my own equipment, e.g. pencil case, books and water bottle, unless an adult tells me otherwise
5. I will not mix with children from another class in school
6. I will tell an adult when I need to use the toilet, so that they can help to keep me safe
7. I will use the catch it, bin it, kill it rules, coughing or sneezing either into a tissue or my elbow
8. I will be respectful and considerate- I will try not to spread germs to another person

New Staff Member

A very warm welcome to Gill Brooks who is now working in pre-school within the Apple Class team on a Monday and Thursday.



Curriculum

Through this lockdown, we have been able to follow quite closely the curriculum as it would have been taught in school through remote learning.

From next week, we will be continuing with the planned curriculum, whilst taking into account that due to the varied circumstances of families during the last two months, some children will need more support as we move onto new learning.

As always at Ide, we believe that children need to experience a broad curriculum and we will be quickly starting to teach the full range of curriculum subjects across the school.

We are also in discussion with external extra-curricular sports providers and hope to begin offering after school clubs to class groups after the Easter holidays.

Communication with school staff

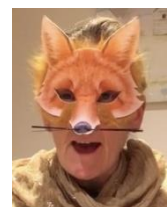
We will continue to use the class email addresses so that parents and carers have a direct way to email the class staff. Teachers will be very happy to reply to you as soon as they are able to and if needed, a follow up telephone call can be arranged. It will be difficult to talk to teachers face to face whilst observing social distancing rules at the start and end of the day, so please try to avoid this unless it is an urgent matter.

The admin contact details are to be used for reporting absence, messages regarding school gateway or lunches, changes to pick up information and any other administration or general enquiries. admin@ide.devon.sch.uk 01392 259964

Please email after school club directly about any queries relating to bookings or cancellations for after school club or breakfast club or if you would like to pass information directly to the after school club staff. Please be aware that if bookings are cancelled with less than 24 hours notice, there will still be a charge for the session. afterschoolclub@ide.devon.sch.uk

World Book Day

We hope the children enjoy the 'Ide Masked Reader' video that has been shared on Seesaw for today's World Book day celebrations. There will be a certificate for each child who can guess the correct names of the staff in order. Please send your children's guesses to the class email addresses.



We have also shared on Seesaw a slideshow of all the Toilet Roll Book characters that we have been sent. Here is a preview of a few of the entries! Well done to all who took part and good luck to those who submitted their entries to the School Library Service competition.



Bake Off Opportunity!

Any budding bakers aged 9 or over may be interested in this opportunity to apply for the next series of Junior Bake Off. I know we have quite a few keen cooks at Ide!

<https://junior.bake-part.co.uk/>

