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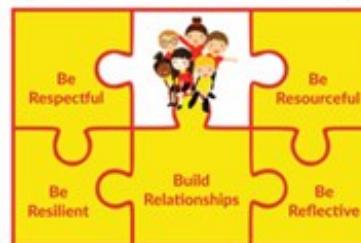
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## Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Last week was a very busy week for the office, as the Federation had an internal audit from Devon County Council. The remit of the audit is wide and includes finance, policies, personnel and all aspects of compliance. I am delighted to say I have just received the draft report and it is very strong with the majority of items being given the top grading of 'Substantial Assurance' and a few being in the second top grading. A huge well done to Sue Kennedy, Federation Finance Administrator and Sarah Revers, Federation Systems Administrator. They are relatively new to their roles but have 'Aimed High' to ensure all aspects of the Federation administration are of a high standard and I sincerely thank them for their efforts.

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other



In assembly, we looked again at our jigsaw representation of our motto and Carey Qualities and focused on 'Be Resilient'. We talked about the meaning of the word and that it can include being brave to step out of your comfort zone. Children from each class shared examples of when they had to 'Be Resilient'.

### Sports Day Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July

As this is a completely new system, I just want to clarify how the tickets are organised:

- By now you should have received 2 tickets per child.
- Tickets should have the date and time of your child's bubble session.
- Each bubble will have received a different colour ticket.
- If you are coming to more than one bubble session you will need a ticket for all the sessions you attend.
- You will need to write the names and contact details of each spectator on these and hand them in to a member of the office team, who will be at the main pedestrian gate. This will be necessary for NHS Test and Trace, as well as enabling us to know who is on site for our safeguarding procedures.
- If you **do not require both tickets, please return them to school as soon as possible**. We can then reissue them to children who would like to bring an additional adult.
- Please email the office if you would like an additional ticket, if any are available, they will be reissued on a first come, first served basis.
- If you have a toddler and you are able to find childcare, this would be ideal. If you can't then please keep toddlers on laps / next to you and ensure they keep distance from other households.

This is a completely new and un-trialled way of running Sports Day so we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding if things don't run as smoothly as we hope and if there is any disappointment regarding the number of adults that can attend. We 'Aim High' to work within the legal parameters, whilst offering the children and families the best possible experience that has been so missed in the last year.

**Please do not attend if you have symptoms of COVID-19.** Please wear a face covering on arrival and when leaving (unless exempt) but once seated, these can be removed as seats will be socially distanced. We will not be offering refreshments so feel free to bring your own thermos or cold drinks (non-alcoholic). Please remember we are a nut-free school.

The children will be participating in field sports in the morning and parents are invited to watch the track races, which will take place in these time slots and we ask you to leave promptly at the end of your child's session. The children will be seated in bubbles so will be able to watch the whole afternoon.

	Time
Class 1 & 2	1:00 – 1:30
Class 3	1:45 – 2:15
Class 4	2:30 – 3:00

Pick-up arrangements will be as usual.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility, given the current challenges. **Please be aware, the above is subject to COVID restrictions remaining as they are and Halwill School remaining free from COVID cases at the time of the event.** We will also keep an eye on the weather and inform you via text if we need to postpone.

#### African Drumming Workshop -postponed

Unfortunately, we have been advised that a member of the provider team is self-isolating so the workshop has been postponed. We will let you know when it will take place.

#### Transition

Holsworthy College has now cancelled their transition days and Okehampton new dates are in the date list of this newsletter.

On Friday, I wrote to parents of children coming to Reception in September regarding transition arrangements. New Class 1 parents will meet Mrs Beer and Mrs Batstone on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 5:30 pm**. I will be writing shortly to new Reception parents with full details of transition arrangements.

On **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**, we invite parents to meet new teachers and say goodbye to current ones. Due to the current COVID situation and restrictions not lifting on 21<sup>st</sup> June, we intend to hold this outside and will need to have set timings for each bubble with time between each to clean and disinfect seats. We appreciate that if you have children in multiple classes, you will need to remain for more than one session. Following latest guidance, we are able to have **2 parents per child** attending.

There will be a short introduction from the teacher and then opportunity to ask questions at the end. Your child's current teacher will also be present so you will have a chance to speak to them too.

Please do not attend if you have symptoms of COVID-19. On arrival at your child's allocated time, please come to the pedestrian gate, where you will be signed in, this will be necessary for NHS Test and Trace as well as our usual safeguarding procedures.

September Class	Time
Class 2 – Rebekah Warran	3:30 – 4:00 pm
Class 3 – Alix Rothery	4:10 – 4:40 pm
Class 4 – Jayne Miners	4:50 – 5:20 pm

## A message for parents from Devon County Council Public Health Team COVID-19 update

As you may have seen in the news, cases of COVID-19 are rising again. Here in Devon we still have lower rates than many parts of the country, but it is expected that Devon's rates will continue to rise as we all start to socialise more. This is starting to be reflected in the rise in positive cases among school age children in the county.

We want to thank parents and carers for all you are doing to help keep school communities safe – and ask everyone to keep going with the 'hands, face, space and fresh air' measures when you and your family are out and about, as well as at school:

- Wash hands frequently
- Use face coverings where required, including school transport, public transport, and indoor public spaces
- Make space – keep your social distance
- Choose to meet outside in the fresh air where possible

Regular testing also helps to stop the spread of the virus – here's a reminder of what tests are available and when to use them:

### **LFD tests (Lateral Flow Device)**

1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading the virus to other people without knowing. These tests are for people who do not have any symptoms of coronavirus. They provide quick results within half an hour, so that you can get on with your day if you test negative, remembering to keep following public health guidance. If you test positive, you'll need to arrange a follow-up PCR test (see below). LFD tests are available for all adults and secondary aged pupils to test twice weekly. You can pick them up for free from your local pharmacy, and they are available to order online for home delivery. Assistance with the test is available at any of our Community Testing sites. You can find details about where our sites are across Devon on our website, [devon.cc/flow](http://devon.cc/flow).

### **PCR tests (Polymerase Chain Reaction)**

PCR tests are more sensitive and used to confirm if someone has COVID-19. The result takes longer as it is processed in a lab. PCR tests are for people with COVID-19 symptoms – high temperature, new and continuous cough, change to usual sense of taste or smell - or for follow up after a positive LFD result. Close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case can also get a PCR test.

Please remember to report test results on the national website as well as to the school, this helps us monitor cases and support quick and appropriate action to keep schools operating as normal.

You can keep up to date with the latest coronavirus news from Devon County Council at [devon.cc/covid-19](http://devon.cc/covid-19).

Please also see the attached poster with further information.

Mrs Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher

# Schools' COVID-19 advice to parents and carers - June 2021

Keeping our children, schools and communities safe

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**One in three people who catch coronavirus (COVID-19) don't get any symptoms, so regular testing is vital to help prevent spreading it unknowingly.**

Rapid lateral flow device (LFD) tests are only for people without symptoms and give a quick result in 30 minutes. All adults and secondary/ college pupils should use these tests twice a week.

PCR tests are for people with symptoms. They are processed by a laboratory, with the results usually back the next day. 'Close contacts' of someone with COVID-19 can also get a PCR test, even if they don't have symptoms.

Visit [devon.cc/testing](https://devon.cc/testing) for more information.

- **What if my child tests positive using a LFD home test kit?**

- keep your child at home, tell school the result and report it via GOV.UK
- your child and whole household should self-isolate at home immediately
- get a PCR test within two days to confirm the result
- they can return to school if the PCR test result (taken within two days of the LFD test) is negative and they have no symptoms

- **What if my child tests positive using a PCR test?**

- keep your child at home and tell school the result
- your household must self-isolate for 10 full days after your child's symptoms started or from the day of their test if they had no symptoms
- they can return to school after 10 full days of self-isolation, provided they feel well and have not had a temperature for 24 hours

### The Carey Qualities

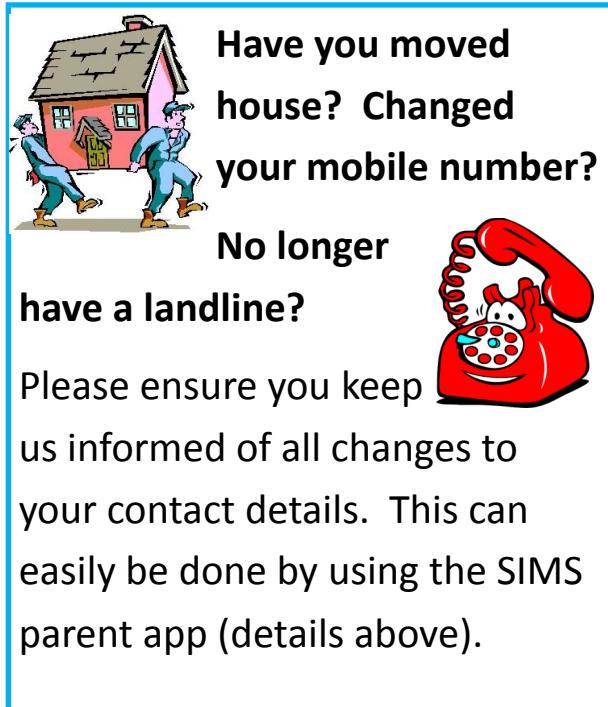
Relationships by being **Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective and Respectful**

Each Thursday children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. Last week the following children were awarded certificates. Well done to them all.



For building <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
Bonnie—class 1	Sebastian—class 1	Jacob—class 3	Holly—class 4	Rowan—class 4
Gracie—class 4	Will—class 4		Georgina—class 3	Ida-May—class 3
Emelia—class 3	Harley—class 2			
	Ellie—class 2			

Please remember to order your  
School lunches via schoolmoney by  
Friday of each week.  
This helps us cater correctly.  
Thank you



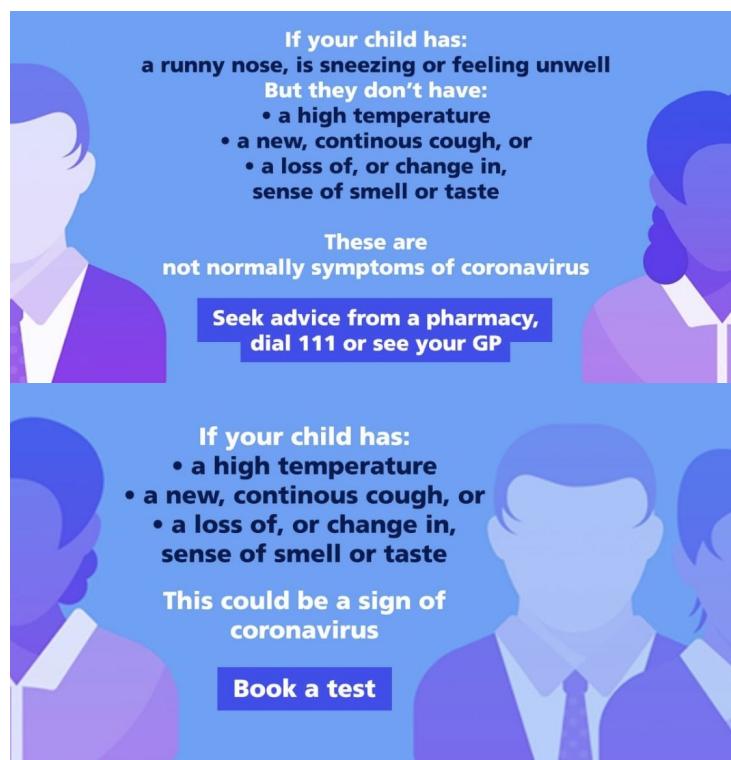
## Dates for your diary:

### July

- 1st Sports Day.  
1st Okehampton College year 6 parents meeting 6pm (on Teams).  
6th New reception starters to meet the teachers 5.30pm  
7th Class 3 Eden Project trip  
7th Year 6 Okehampton College transition day  
12th Class 4 Roadford Lake trip  
13th Class 1 & 2 Aquarium trip  
14th Transition afternoon for pupils  
14th Transition meeting for parents.  
15th Year 6 Okehampton College transition day  
19th Okehampton College year 6 evening, 4pm.  
20th Year 6 Leavers 6.00pm to 7.30pm  
23rd End of term

### September

- 6th Non-pupil day  
7th Term starts



### SIMS Parent

If you have not signed on to SIMS Parent, please do take a look. It is your way of ensuring we hold your most up to date contact information as well as your parental consent for day to day things in school



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