



St. Lawrence CE Primary School

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Friday 3rd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, we are on the run down to the end of another academic year, with just two weeks to go! However, this academic year is a year quite unlike any other!

We continue to operate in school under the national guidance and implementing our risk assessments to make school as safe as possible for all. The pupils in school engage very well with the hygiene and social distancing measures and we are very impressed with their resilience and cooperation. I also want to say a huge thank you to the staff who have embraced this challenging situation with tremendous positivity and desire to make it work with a smile and support for the children. Be assured, they too have felt some anxiety about the return but have worked with the school governors and leadership to action all that is required of us to open up the school to wider groups of pupils in a safe and supportive way.

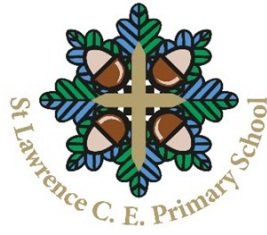
And what about all those of you at home? We continue to enjoy your interaction with SeeSaw and the opportunity to see all the amazing things you are getting up to, pupils and parents alike. We hope that the SeeSaw input and response continues to be useful to you all. The governors were amazed to be told that during this strange time, the pupils have created over 9,000 posts into their journals on SeeSaw- that is quite an achievement for everyone involved.

So a huge thank you to parents and carers working with your children and a thank you to the children who have maintained their engagement and delivered some outstanding pieces of work.

On Monday, we sent out via email end of year school reports and this week teachers have been offering telephone conversations to discuss the reports. We have left messages to those of you who we were unable to get hold of, please do telephone school back if you would like a telephone consultation. To those parents, we did manage to speak to I would just like to say a huge thank you for your kind words of support and it was lovely to have a catch up and hear how you have all been getting on during this absence.

Snack and Story Sessions

Next week we are really looking forward to welcoming the children back for our 'Story and Snack' sessions to support transition. In order to maintain the guidance of socially distancing we will be carrying out the sessions outdoors so please could children wear weather appropriate clothing and bring a snack to eat. If you could please arrive at the allocated times for your child's year group and wait on the designated markings on the car park a member of teaching staff will be there to greet you at the school gate. There is no obligation to return but it would be a lovely opportunity to see the children before the end of term and for them to come back together with their peers.



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Return to School in September

Please note that the daily update from the Department for Education informs that schools will close for the summer holidays as normal and there will be no additional provision for the children of Key Workers at this time.

We await Local Authority guidance on the return to school in September in terms of staggered start times or finish times and wraparound care, we will communicate this as soon as we are able to confirm details. Thank you in advance for your patience with this as I know everyone is eager to know arrangements. Just to confirm, we will be welcoming **all** children back into school on Wednesday 2nd September 2020.

Our Governing Body have agreed that the afternoons of Friday July 10th and Friday July 17th are set aside to enable staff to make the necessary preparations for the return in September.

We will still offer lunch as usual on these dates. Could parents of children in the Reception Bubble please collect their children at 12.30pm.

We remain open for our Key Worker families on these dates, but if it is possible to collect your children earlier it would be very much appreciated. Please can Key Worker families let the office know what they will choose to do for those two afternoons so that we can plan ahead.

If you do have any questions or queries please do telephone or email the school office and we will be happy to help answer them, the best we can. Keep safe everyone. We await further guidance and hope for a smooth return for all in September.

Sending our very best wishes and wishing you a wonderful weekend

Helen Osterfield and Alison Moore



Letter from The Governing Body

Dear Parents and Carers

Meeting the Challenge of Covid 19

The Governors would like to thank all of the parents and carers for supporting their children through this unusual time due to the CV19 restrictions.

The pupils have dealt with this tremendously well and it was great to hear, at this week's Full Governing Body Meeting, of many examples of pupils working on their See-Saw activities and the incredible volume of work that the schools have received. Across the two schools over 27000 updates have taken place to pupil learning journals which is fabulous from two such small school communities.

Thank you all for supporting your children with their learning activity, they are a credit to you.

Furthermore, we would like to thank the staff in both settings for the excellent support and dedication they have shown in providing the remote learning, ensuring the schools are open for our key worker children throughout lockdown and enabling both schools to open to more children at the start of June, creating and reviewing the risk assessments required and adhering to the national guidance so that the schools are as safe as they can be for pupils and staff.

All of the staff have done a superb job in ensuring the pupils are supported in many ways and as Governors we could not be more proud of everyone's achievements during this very strange period of time.

As we look forward to the end of term and the summer break I want to thank you all, on behalf of the Governing Body, for your support of and commitment to Tibberton CE Primary School, St Lawrence CE Primary School and the communities they serve.

Best regards

The Governing Body

Tibberton CE Primary School and St Lawrence CE Primary School Federation



Transition arrangements

STORY AND SNACK SESSIONS

We are inviting children in to meet their new teacher or current teacher for September on the following days and times. It will be outside due to the current circumstances so please can children bring their own snack and drink. Should the weather be as lovely as it has been this week we ask that they wear a hat and suncream will need to be applied before arriving in school.

For these sessions could they come in school uniform or PE kit.

MONDAY 6TH JULY :	9 to 10.15am (current Y4) Mrs Standish
	10.45 to 12noon (current Y5) Mrs Standish
TUESDAY 7TH JULY	9.45 to 10.45am (current YR) Mrs Moore
	1.30 to 2.30pm (current Y1) Mrs Moore / Mr Al-Asmar
WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY	9.45 to 10.45am (current Y2) Mr Al-Asmar
	1.30 to 2.30pm (current Y3) Mr Worpole / Mr Al-Asmar



YEAR 6 ARRANGEMENTS

We are inviting our Year 6 pupils in for two full days on Monday 13th July and Tuesday 14th July from 9.45am to 2.15pm.

Please could children come to school in PE kits and bring a packed lunch and a water bottle for both days.

Pupils in year 6 will be invited back to school on Thursday 16th July from 10am to 11am for their Leavers Assembly / Presentation. The children will need to wear their school uniform.

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents due to the guidance we have been given, however their presentation will be filmed for their leavers DVD.

Can you please inform the school office on 01952 387780 if you do not want your child to take part on the DVD.





Other News...

COVID 19—GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

The link below is part of the DfE update that provides advice for parents and carers about the main risks children may be particularly vulnerable to at this time and information about available help and support.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>



SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

Due to the circumstances at present we are not allowed to take any orders for school uniform before the end of term.

There will be an opportunity for you to order school uniform in the first two weeks back in September. In the mean time, if your child grows out of their uniform, a plain navy cardigan or sweatshirt will be acceptable until orders are taken.





Beam is an emotional wellbeing service for children and young people under 25. Talking about how you're feeling isn't always easy, but Beam are here to help.

Our sessions give young people the opportunity to talk with trained practitioners who can give practical support, advice and suggestions as to how they can manage their thoughts and feelings.

We can support various emotional wellbeing issues – here are a few:

- Feeling anxious or having a low mood;
- Stress and worry;
- Issues with sleeping;
- Managing feelings of anger and frustration; □ Struggling with self-esteem.

If we can, we will signpost you to other services or organisations who can support you as well. Parent and carer support can be given in conjunction with a young person.

How can a young person access support from Beam?

Support can be requested by email to AskBeam@childrenssociety.org.uk

Young people aged 14+ can email and request support themselves.

Young people aged 13 and under will need a parent or carer to email on their behalf.

A follow-up email will ask for a few details about the young person, and ask them to follow the links to register and consent for the service if they have not been to Beam before. Once this has been done, a member of the team will make contact and offer a time where one of the practitioners will call. The call itself is completely led by the young person, and there will be no pressure to talk about anything unless the young person wants to.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If there is any immediate risk to life please contact Emergency services, this is not an emergency response email.

This email is not monitored outside of 10am-6pm Monday to Friday.

If you have any questions, please get in touch via:

AskBeam@childrenssociety.org.uk

More information about The Children's Society and Beam can be found via:

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/beam/shropshire>

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