

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

The government guidance for the full opening of schools in September was published at the end of last week. A new Risk Assessment for full reopening is in the process of being completed and plans are almost finalised for the reopening for all pupils on a full time basis.

Planning to reopen is proving neither an easy nor a quick task as strict Covid-19 secure measures will need to remain in place and be developed further to reduce the risk of transmission to a school with significantly higher numbers of children compared to recent weeks.

At the time of writing I am waiting for Local Authority confirmation as to the viability of a key aspect of our plan and I am preparing for the first of two governor meetings this evening to begin the process of ratifying our proposals.

Sarah Boad, our Chair of Governors, and I will write to you next week with full details of what this means for your child but in the meantime I can confirm that unless government guidance for schools changes in response to the Covid-19 situation:

*Telford Infants will be fully open for all Year 1 and Year 2 children from Wednesday 2nd September.

*Our new Reception children will visit us during week 1, attend part time during week 2 and will be in school on a full time basis from Monday 14th September. Further details will be sent to new Reception parents.

*In line with government guidance the children will continue to be placed in bubbles but these bubbles will be larger than the current cap of 15 children. Children will not mix with other children from other bubbles.

*There will be staggered start and end times for the school day and a one way system for dropping off and collecting children from their classroom doors.

*Children will receive full teaching time. Whilst there will be a need for 'catch up' we will continue to provide a broad and balanced and ambitious curriculum.

*We are also working on plans to reopen SMILES.

9th July 2020



*Should bubbles close due to a positive case of Covid-19 we will offer remote education to all children in that bubble.

*Should there be a national or local lockdown then we will be in a position to provide continuity of education for keyworkers and vulnerable children in school and for all other pupils remotely.

The government has confirmed that 'school attendance will be mandatory again from the start of the Autumn term' and that 'the majority of pupils will be able to return to school.' **If your child is unlikely to be unable to return to school in September due to a medical condition and on the basis of recent advice from their medical professional I would be very grateful if you would email me before the end of next week on admin2326@welearn365.com so that we can ensure that the necessary arrangements are put in place to continue their education.**

I am so excited about the prospect of having a school full of children back in September – **my only sadness is that this will not include the current Year 2 children.**

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience in these very strange times. Mrs Boad and I will be in touch with you as soon as we are in a position to do so.
Mrs Siân Oustayiannis - Headteacher

Further information can be found:

Government guidance – full gov.uk guidance document for the full reopening of schools:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

What parents and carers need to know about schools until August 2020:

<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/>

YEAR 2 LEAVERS MUGS



A huge thank you to our PTA who have purchased Leaver's mugs for all our Year 2 children!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – SUMMER VOUCHERS

The Department for Education has said families of children eligible for free school meals will be provided with a voucher to cover the full six-week summer holiday - please find a message attached to today's correspondence.

Mrs Macfarlane has coordinated this for families of eligible children who will receive eCodes within the next few days. The link below is a reminder for those parents of the user guide for the free school meal vouchers.

https://www.edenred.co.uk/Documents/DfE/DfE_FSM-voucher-scheme_Parent-Carer-Userguide.pdf

If you are in financial difficulty, the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme may be able to help, please call on **0800 4081448** to speak to an advisor.

Follow this link to the website:

[Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme](#)

REPORTS

I hope you enjoyed reading your child's report. Please do complete the google form sent last week to provide us with any feedback.

Class teachers will be in contact shortly with those parents who have requested a follow up phone conversation regarding their child's report.

Children who have had violin lessons this year – please check Tapestry before the end of term where you will find your child's violin report written by Jo Radomski.

SCHOOL READING BOOKS

We would be very grateful for the children who are returning to school to bring back any school reading books.

For those children not returning to school this term please pop them in the box at the entrance of the school on Kelvin Road – during non rainy school days only - or keep these items safe for us at home until September.

SUMMER LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

We love a Reading Challenge at Telford Infants! We hope you will be able to take part.

SEND SUPPORTED THINGS TO DO

Please find attached to today's correspondence the latest issue of THINGS TO DO, together with a link to this week's folder of additional resources: <https://sendsupported.com/resource-type/things-to-do/>



Parent Teacher
Association

PTA website page: https://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/parent_teacher_association/313615

Email: pta.telfordinfants@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/telfordinfantspta>

Twitter: @TelfordPTA

Message from Ellie Hutchinson – Chair of Telford Infant PTA

Firstly, and most importantly we hope that everyone is ok. It has been a difficult few months with almost everything, not least the PTA fundraising, being disrupted. We have really missed the usual activities we had planned including, the Father's Day Present Room, the Sponsored Bounce and most importantly the Summer Fair (although the weather was fairly awful on that day in the end!)

Fortunately, we had a very successful autumn term, raising record amounts at the quiz and the Christmas Fair and the Coin Snake Challenge was more successful than we could have hoped raising over £460! A huge thank you to everyone who supported us during these fundraising activities.

The fund raising of course does not stop just because we can't all be at school. The PTA are still selling second-hand uniform and can be contacted via Facebook or email if anyone would like to purchase some and we are always grateful for any donations of uniform that we can sell on! (A flyer with the Second hand uniform price list is attached to today's correspondence.)

Fund raising next year is likely to look very different and it may be the case that many of our usual events can't go ahead in the usual way. If anyone has any amazing ideas about how we can continue to raise vital funds for the school, then please please do get in touch. All ideas are welcome!

Next year Telford Top-up may be more important than ever. This is where you can make a regular monthly donation to the school or a one off donation if you would prefer. Information will be coming out soon but if anyone has any queries please feel free to get in touch.

Thank you once again to everyone for your support, I hope to see you all soon.
Ellie Hutchinson

TERM DATES 2020 - 2021



ALL DATES ARE INCLUSIVE

There is one more Teaching Training Day to be arranged.

Autumn Term 2020

Teacher Training Day (School closed): Tuesday 1st September

Term Starts: Wednesday 2nd September

Half Term: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

Teacher Training Day (School closed): Monday 2nd November

Term Ends: Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2021

Teacher Training Day (School closed): Monday 4th January

Term Starts: Tuesday 5th January

Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

Term Ends: Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021

Term Starts: Monday 19th April

Bank Holiday (School closed): Monday 3rd May

Half Term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Teacher Training Day (School closed): Monday 7th June

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July

https://telfordinfant.eschools.co.uk/web/term_dates/316881