

'Do Everything In Love' - 1 Corinthians 16 v14



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Dear Parents

Key Worker Spaces

Thank you to everyone who responded this week to confirm if they are key workers needing school places during the lockdown. We have so far managed to accommodate pupils into 4 Bubbles of a maximum of 20 children. There have been many more eligible parents requesting places than during the first lockdown. However we are still awaiting guidance from the Government as to the Bubble size limit, and have today received advice from Wiltshire Council on how to prioritise key worker families as below:-

- **Priority Group 1** – NHS Workers
- **Priority Group 2** – Wider health & Social Care, Education Professionals and Security
- **Priority Group 3** – Other key groups (*Key Public Services, Local & National Government, Food & Other Necessary Goods, Transport, Utilities, Communication & Financial Services*).

If I am forced to limit Bubble sizes then I may need to reduce provision for some of the children in Category 3. Once I have further advice then I will let parents know if this is the case. Once again, please can I ask that keyworker parents only request a space on the day(s) they are working if there are no alternative childcare options at home.

At present, we are assuming this lockdown is to last until February half term, and that this will be reviewed by the Government so that we know the position for after the holiday.

From the phone calls we have had this morning, I know many of you are struggling with the IT etc, so please get in touch with your class teacher if you need help to sort out any issues. I know some Year 3s are having problems so if they would prefer a printed pack then please let Mrs Procter know.

Lunches

Universal Free School Meals are available for all Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils who are in school at the moment. If your child is currently in school, please could you make sure that you have completed the order form for this term. It is especially important during lockdown that we make sure we are able to order the correct quantities of food each day. Copies of these forms are available on the website under Food For Life – School Lunches, or paper copies are available from the folder outside the School Office.

For Key Stage 2 pupils, hot lunches can be ordered at £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week (£69 up to the February half term holiday). All meals must be ordered and paid for in

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advance as our catering staff do not have the time to continually chase up late payments. Payment can be made online using SIMS Pay (www.st-andrews-laverstock.wilts.sch.uk – About Us – Online Payments).

We are still awaiting guidance on how the Free School Meal scheme will work during this lockdown and will communicate this with eligible families as soon as we have further information. If in the meantime you are experiencing difficulties then please contact Mrs Andrews (07955 026165). Please note this is only for families who are eligible for benefits related Free School Meals, not the infant universal free school meal system.

Osmington Bay Trip – Years 5 and 6

At present, we are still planning for our Osmington Bay trip in June to go ahead. We are expecting updated guidance from the Government and Local Authority later this half term and will write again to parents before the interim instalment (£65 per child) is due at the end of March. Should it be necessary to cancel the trip then we will return all monies paid by parents.

Primary School Applications for September 2021 Admissions

A reminder that applications for entry to Reception for September 2021 should be made online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk. **The deadline is 15 January 2021.**

Wiltshire Consultation on Co-ordinated School Admissions 2022/23

Wiltshire Council is currently running a consultation process on its Proposed Coordinated Scheme for Primary Admissions 2022/23 and is inviting comments from all stakeholders, including parents. The consultation is running until 19 January 2021 and full details of the proposals are available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-consultation

Home Run App

If you have not already done so, please can I encourage you to sign up to the HomeRun App using the link below. Please do not share the link below with parents of children from other schools as it is for use by parents at our school:-.

www.homerun-app.com/stava2930

This app is being used as part of our work with the other local schools and councillors to try to promote sustainable travel in and around Laverstock.

Regarding parking near school, we have had several phone calls from a local resident asking that parents do not leave their engines running whilst they are waiting for their children. She particularly mentions one car (DK19 XBW), which may or may not belong to one of our parents. Thank you for your co-operation.

Diary Dates

Please see overleaf. A complete list of Term Dates for 2020/21 is available on our school website under Key Dates – Term Dates. **Please note that the Teacher Training Day planned for Friday 28 May will now take place on Thursday 1 April instead**, as the trainer I had booked cannot make the original date. Friday 28 May will now be a normal school day.

Sincerely

Mrs K J Walker
Headteacher

Diary Dates – St Andrew’s Primary School

TERM 3

Monday 4 January	First Day of Term 3
Friday 12 February	Last Day of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday 22 February	First Day of Term 4
Thursday 4 March	World Book Day
Friday 19 March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 31 March	Last Day of Term 4 (please note change of date)

TERM 5

Monday 19 April	First Day of Term 5
Monday 3 May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Friday 29 May	Last Day of Term 5 (please note change of date)

TERM 6

Monday 7 June	First Day of Term 6
Thursday 22 July	Last Day of Term 6