



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you for all your hard work continuing to support the children with their home learning. To the families who have been coming into school – thank you for supporting us in our new routines and systems.

You may well have seen that the **Secretary of State for Education announced** this week that the government are not asking schools to admit further year groups at this time due to the distancing and 'bubble' guidance still in place. He has said, however, that where schools have the capacity, we can invite more children into school. We would very much like to give all children the opportunity to spend some time with adults and children from their current class and also find out who their teachers are planned to be from September. We want them to be able to have some sort of **Sports Day and summer send-off**. The logistics of this are quite complex, as you imagine, but we will try to set out as much as possible now so that you can plan ahead – please see the end of this letter. That said, we do need to keep our arrangements and staffing under review so please continue to look out for texts and emails in case we need to change or cancel any of our plans. We must prioritise vulnerable children and the children of keyworkers (particularly where both parents are keyworkers critical to the Covid-19 response and working outside the home). If, therefore, the demand for our School Club provision for these children rises much higher than we currently anticipate, we may have to curtail some of the plans set out.

Before children return to school, please **re-read the letter** I sent before half term explaining the routines for coming into school, the importance of not coming to school with symptoms, etc. (It is on the school [website](#) if you do not have a copy.) We have not had to have draconian queuing systems here at Shire Oak as our parents and carers have really supported us by maintaining social distancing and being patient and courteous with us and each other. As more children come onto site it is very important that we keep doing this and help people who are new to the systems. If you spot a bottle-neck, please avoid it – there are no late marks for children who have been patient and let others wash their hands first, etc.

When the term is drawing to a close we want the children to have a **Sports Day**. These will have to be modified to comply with the guidelines but should still be lots of fun. Children should attend school in PE kit those days and make sure they have their water bottles with them. Unfortunately, we will not be able to allow parent spectators this year, although I am sure you understand why. We had thought about unofficially permitting parents to spectate (spaced out) on Wood Lane. Not only does that look like it would still be contrary to the guidance on outdoor gatherings, we feel that it could be very upsetting for children. Children are likely to find it stranger to see their parents through the fence than not being there at all and could become very upset. Even if only a few parents do that who are confident their own child could cope, it could upset the ones whose parents aren't there and cause unnecessary friction. We will try to take and share photos instead.

As part of their time in school we want children to find out who will be **teaching them in September**. It may be that some children spend time in their new classrooms too. (So please watch out for announcements of different doors to use at drop off and pick up.) When talking to the children, please do not promise them which members of staff they will be seeing as there are some people who are shielding due to their own or household members' conditions. This is the case even if you know staff members have been working in school with children during this time – families are still receiving shielding letters or having new advice from their doctors and we, of course, fully support that. If children's teachers/class staff are not in the school building, we will try to make sure there is at least one day where they have a virtual session with them on the interactive whiteboard in class to say well done and goodbye for the year. Similarly, please do not tell your children who their teacher will be next year – even if you have a pretty good idea based on previous years. This is decided each year on a range of factors and this year we have to add in Covid-19 risk assessments! To support transition, we do usually manage to have at least one member of the new staff team that is known to the children already.

Finally, if you missed our **assembly** this week please do join in as we think about being kind (especially online), being anti-racist and the story of the lost sheep: https://youtu.be/iVzs_5EquhU Have a good weekend.

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Week commencing 15th June

Year 6	Reception Class		Year 1		School Club
All children	Miss Coulter's group	Mrs Atwal's group and Miss Jones' group	Miss Harris' group	Mrs Hopkins' group	All children
Continue to attend every day from 9am until 2pm. For now this seems a long enough day for the children, especially as their lunch break has been shortened.	Attend on Mondays and Tuesdays at 8:50am. Stay until 1:30pm. This includes eating lunch.	Attend on Thursdays and Fridays at 8:50am. Stay until 1:30pm. This includes eating lunch.	Attend on Mondays and Tuesdays at 8:50am. Stay until 1:45pm. This includes eating lunch.	Attend on Thursdays and Fridays at 8:50am. Stay until 1:45pm. This includes eating lunch.	Attend as usual, booking in each week in advance unless there is a regular booking in place already. Children can attend, as needed, between 8:30am and 3:30pm. (See note below about wraparound.)
Come directly to the hall once they have washed their hands at the door.	Wash station by the tyres near the gate to Reception Class. Once there is a member of staff there they can wash their hands and go straight in.		Wash station at the ramp to the double doors. Once there is a member of staff there they can wash their hands and go straight in.		Wash station in the Quiet Zone by the door to the Community Room. Then go straight in.

N.B. Wednesday 17th June is already scheduled to be a training day

Week commencing 22nd June

Reception Class	Year 1	Year 2		Year 3		Year 6	School Club
As last two weeks	As last two weeks	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B	As last two weeks	As before
Wash station by the tyres near the gate to Reception Class. Once there is a member of staff there they can wash their hands and go straight in.	Wash station at the ramp to the double doors. Once there is a member of staff there they can wash their hands and go straight in.	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Wednes- day	Thursday	Come directly to the hall once they have washed their hands at the door.	Wash station in the Quiet Zone by the door to the Community Room. Then go straight in.
		9:15 until 1pm. This includes eating lunch. Wash station at external class-room door before entering.		9:15 until 1pm. This includes eating lunch. Children with free school meals will automatically get a grab bag lunch. If you would like to order paid dinners, please contact the office. Wash station at external class-room door before entering.			
You will be texted which group your child is in early next week.							

N.B. In poor weather the wash stations may move to sheltered areas.

Week commencing 29th June

Reception Class	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4		Year 6	School Club
As before	As before	As last week but extend until 2pm	As last week but extend until 2pm	Group A Monday	Group B Wednes- day	As before	As before
9:30 until 1 pm This includes eating lunch. Children with free school meals will automatically get a grab bag lunch. If you would like to order paid dinners, please contact the office. Wash station at external classroom door. You will be texted which group your child is in early next week.							

N.B. In poor weather the wash stations may move to sheltered areas.

Week commencing 6th July

Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	School Club
As before	As last week but extend to 2:10pm.	Attend Thursday 9:15 until 1pm and Friday 9:15 until 2:15pm. This includes eating lunch. Children with free school meals will automatically get a grab bag lunch. If you would like to order paid dinners, please contact the office. Children will be spaced out in the hall so will attend as a full class. Their wash station is at the door to the hall and they should come straight in once they have washed their hands. We think most Year 5 children will be able to come onto site without their parent, so should be able to come directly to the hall. Children with free school meals will automatically get a grab bag lunch. If you would like to order paid dinners, please contact the office.	Monday 6 th will be their last day incorporating a leavers' event and Sports Day.	As before

Week commencing 13th July

Reception Class	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	School Club
Miss Coulter's group attend on Monday.	Miss Harris' group attend on Monday.	Group A attend on Tuesday.	Group A attend on Wednesday.	Group A attend on Monday.	Attend on Monday 9:00 until 2pm.	As before. Children will be able to join their year group Sports Day and Summer Send Off if in School Club that day.
Miss Jones/Mrs Atwal's group attend on Thursday.	Mrs Hopkins' group attend on Thursday.	Group B attend on Wednesday.	Group B attend on Thursday.	Group B attend on Wednesday.	Attend on Wednesday for a Sports Day and Summer Send Off 1:15-2:30pm.	
Both groups attend for a Sports Day and Summer Send Off on Tuesday from 9:30- 10:30. (They will bring their packed lunch home with them.)	Both groups attend for a Sports Day and Summer Send Off on Tuesday from 10:45 – 12:15. (They will bring their packed lunch home with them.)	Attend for Sports Day and Summer Send Off on Thursday from 10:30 until 12. (They will bring their packed lunch home with them.)	Both groups attend on Tuesday for a Sports Day and Summer Send Off from 1:15 to 3:05.	Both groups attend on Thursday for a Sports Day and Summer Send Off from 1:15 to 2:30.		

N.B. Monday 20th July is already scheduled to be a closure day due to the roofing works that must be completed.

Year 6 in school have joined in with Ms Virgin's online challenge to recreate a famous painting. Look at these amazing creations! If your child makes one at home, please make sure they share it with us!



Leeds Prevent

Online Safety Advice for Parents



With many of our children currently off school and staying home due to COVID 19 the potential for online exploitation will be at its highest.

Although rare, there is a risk that with increased online activity, feelings of stress and isolation may be exploited. An understanding of digital safety will help parents and carers safeguard loved ones from a range of harms, whether that's child sexual exploitation, fraud, or extremist influences seeking to radicalise vulnerable people.

Extremists may also use the current situation to promote hateful views, for example through conspiracy theories or through spreading misinformation.

What are the signs that my child may be being exploited online?

Online exploitation is often hard to recognise because it is a complex issue. When it comes to being drawn into extremist ideas online, sometimes there are clear warning signs, in other cases the changes are less obvious.

Although some of these traits may be quite common among young people, taken together they could be indicators that your child may need some help:

- Exploring new and unusual websites, chat forums and platforms. Harmful influences may push individuals towards platforms with a greater degree of anonymity.
- Joining new or secret groups since isolation.
- Speaking with new friends or being secretive about chats during online gaming or in forums.
- A strong desire to seek new meaning, identity and purpose.
- Using language you wouldn't expect them to know.
- Watching, sharing or creating films online linked to religious, political or racial hate.
- Becoming increasingly argumentative or refusing to listen to different points of view.

What steps can I take to keep my child safe online?

The above are merely signs that they might need help, but you know your child best and you will want to speak with them first. Check in with them and ask about what they are viewing, who they are speaking to and how they are feeling. This might feel difficult, but here are some pointers to help you:

- Listen carefully to their fears and worries. Find some helpful tips [here](#).
- [Advice and support](#) is available to help them understand COVID 19.
- Review and adjust privacy and safety settings if you or your child is signing up to a new online service.
- You can switch on family friendly filters to help prevent age inappropriate content being accessed on devices in your home. The UK Safer Internet Centre provides [guidance](#) on how to do this.
- Internet Matters has also provided [step by step guides](#) on how to setup parental controls.

What help is available?

If you are worried about your child please do not hesitate to contact Leeds Prevent or the safeguarding team/pastoral lead at your child's school for support.

Contact Us: Leeds Prevent on prevent@leeds.gov.uk telephone 0113 535 0810 or visit www.leeds.gov.uk/prevent

[If you think someone is in immediate danger ring 999]

Additional information/resources:

[Educate Against Hate Parents Hub](#) provides resources and advice.

[Let's Talk About It](#) provides support to keep children safe from online radicalisation.

[Thinkuknow](#) provides resources help keep children safe online.

