

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

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End of year

As we reach the end of another school year I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our school community. This has been another school year impacted by Covid and I truly believe the strength of our community has helped us get through and ensure our pupils have still received the care and education they deserve. Whilst many things were beyond our control, I appreciate the efforts of staff and families to ensure our children remained as safe as possible and had as 'normal' an education as they could provide. Being able to still arrange visitors in such as Henry VIII, Axe Valley, Life Education and hold days like World Book Day, Pyjamarama and Number Day allowed us to enjoy the fun in learning and it has been wonderful to be able to hold our leavers' events for Year 4 this year.

I want to wish all our families and staff a relaxing holiday, hopefully with plenty of sunshine. We wish our Year 4 pupils well as they move on (and to say we are very proud of every one of you!) and look forward to welcoming the rest of our families back in September.

Good news – Primary Engineer awards

It is always good to end the year on a celebration and we were thrilled to be informed that some of our pupils have been named winners in the Primary Engineer Leaders Awards South West. Congratulations to Eoghan and Max and also to Megan and Poppy whose entries were rated highly commended.

Term dates

A new school calendar for next year is attached that also shows the additional day given in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday which falls in Summer half term. This will be taken, along with other schools in the Crewkerne and Ilminster cluster on Monday 1st November with the INSET day now moving to Tuesday 2nd November.

Roald Dahl Day

Next school year, on Monday 13th September we will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day. This year we would like all children to use the day to remember why they can enjoy a good book and have a love of reading. Children will be invited to come in their own comfy clothes (the type you can curl up with a book in) and bring a book in of their choice, so we're giving you the information now so children can think about their favourite books during the holidays. You may want to visit the Local Library (don't forget to take part in the Summer Library Challenge) or look up books and authors online. We hope all our children will keep reading during the holidays and have lots of books and imaginative ideas to share with their new classes when they return.

Next September

Given what we currently know about the Government Covid guidance these are our provisional plans for dropping off/picking up in September. A final confirmation of this will be emailed to families at the start of September.

In a morning, the gates will be opened at 8.50am and there will be a member of staff on each gate (front by the swimming pool, double gates Wharf Lane and back gate by the car park). Following comments from families this year we will continue with the children bringing themselves into school and will ask families not to come into the playground; if you need the office they can be contacted via the front door. Gates will close after 9am and any children arriving late will need to be brought to the school office.

At home time, gates will be opened at 3.25pm and families will, as pre Covid, come on to the playground to collect children from outside their classrooms. Gates will be locked from 3.45pm.

At both drop off and pick up we will keep the practice of letting the childminders on site so they have a quieter area for their groups of children. We would like to dedicate the quiet area (shown as a large purple floored area in the top corner of the playground) to just the childminders so please can we ask other families not to wait in this area.

After school club will be meeting at the end of the day in the wooden 'bandstand' by the forest school so again, please can we ask families not to wait in here so they can keep this group of children together.

Support for families

Please don't forget about the Foodbank based in the Minster Rooms which is there to support families in Ilminster. All are welcome and you do not need a referral, simply go along when it is open on a Wednesday and a Saturday.

Covid 19

When we return in September with current guidance you will still need to keep your child and their household off and get a PCR test if they have any Covid symptoms (new continuous cough, temperature, loss of taste/smell). As before if negative they are fine to return to school if well enough and if positive, you must continue isolation and will be contacted by Track and Trace. A letter is attached to this newsletter to show how the track and trace system for schools has now changed.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday from all at Greenfylde First School







Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2021/2022 Academic Year (Revised)

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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Day

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 06 September – 22 October 2021 (35 days)
 Term 2: 02 November – 17 December 2021 (34 days)
 Term 3: 04 January – 18 February 2022 (34 days)
 Term 4: 28 February – 08 April 2022 (30 days)
 Term 5: 25 April – 27 May 2022 (24 days)
 Term 6: 06 June – 26 July 2022 (37 days)

TOTAL = 194

Bank and public holidays 2021/22 – Revised to include the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Christmas Day Holiday	27 December 2021*	Easter Monday	18 April 2022
Boxing Day Holiday	28 December 2021*	Early May Day Holiday	02 May 2022
New Year's Day Holiday	03 January 2022*	Spring Bank Holiday	02 June 2022
Good Friday	15 April 2022	Platinum Jubilee	03 June 2022
		Summer Bank Holiday	29 August 2022

* Replacement Bank Holiday day when the bank holiday falls on a weekend.

The academic year 2021/22 has been reduced from 195 to 194 days to enable everyone to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

Re: Changes to contact tracing in education and childcare settings

As you know, the Prime Minister announced on 12 July that Step 4 of the roadmap would go ahead on 19 July.

One of the key changes that will take place from 19 July is that education and childcare settings will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case – or in the case of children – the parents, carers or guardian of the positive case to identify close contacts.

NHS Test and Trace already manages the contact tracing process for the rest of society – including children who have recorded a positive PCR test – and has expertise in supporting people to identify close contacts.

This letter sets out in more detail below how that process will work and what you need to do if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

Self-isolating and taking a test

1. If your child has symptoms, they and other members of the household should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a PCR test for them. If the PCR result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the PCR result is positive, they, other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the onset of symptoms.
2. If your child has a positive result from a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they and other members of the household should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a confirmatory PCR test. If the confirmatory test is taken within two days and the result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the confirmatory PCR test is positive (or is taken more than two days after the LFD), other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the LFD test.
3. PCR tests can be booked online through the [NHS Test & Trace website](#) or by calling 119.
4. PCR test results will be recorded with NHS Test and Trace automatically, but you should also communicate the result to the education or childcare setting during term time or summer provision.

Contact tracing

5. If your child gets a positive PCR test result, NHS Test and Trace will contact you, using the details you registered when ordering the PCR test. You and/or your child will be asked a series of specific questions designed to identify who your child has been in close contact with. Being in an education or childcare setting with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not necessarily mean a person is identified as a close contact.
6. You will be asked to provide the contact details, if you know them, of any of the individuals – or their parents or guardians – who have been identified as close contacts. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch with these close contacts and provide appropriate instructions or advice (see below).

Self-isolation and/or testing of close contacts

7. At present, anyone identified as a close contact is legally required to self-isolate and must not attend their education or childcare setting (the only exception is if they are participating in a daily contact testing trial). Anyone identified as a non-household close contact by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of their most recent contact with that person. If they live in the same household, they must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of that person developing symptoms (see point 1 above) or, if that person was asymptomatic, the date of their test (see point 2 above). NHS Test and Trace will notify you of the day on which the self-isolation period ends.
8. Close contacts are also advised to take a PCR test. If the test result is negative, they must still complete the full self-isolation period, as the test will not detect all positive cases. If the result is positive, they will need to self-isolate for a further 10 days – and NHS Test and Trace will contact them to identify any close contacts.
9. **From 16 August**, if the close contact is under 18, they will not have to self-isolate (in line with the policy for fully vaccinated adults) but will be asked to take a PCR test immediately, other than for very young children identified as non-household contacts, and they will not need to self-isolate while awaiting the results of the test. If the PCR test is positive, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the test. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch to identify close contacts (see points 5 and 6 above). Further guidance on these changes to self-isolation will be provided shortly.

We recognise how difficult the past 18 months have been and the sacrifices that all families, education and childcare settings have had to make. This has been an enormously challenging time for everyone and we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for everything you have done.



Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School Newsletter 22 July 2021



Sunny Ile Preschool

This week, the sun has shone so bright and hot. We have had lots of water play in the shade to keep us cool. We have also spent lots of time inside where it has been cool creating art and using our fine motor skills with Funky fingers.

We have now come to the end of a very different year. We want to thank all our families for how they have been so cooperative in following our guidance and procedures. All of our children have settled into new routines so quickly and we are proud of how they have been through this pandemic.

We want to wish all our school leavers our best wishes for their next journey into School. We all know that they will be a little nervous, but excited for their next adventures in their learning. We hope to see you all again soon.

We also wish all of our families a very happy summer holidays. We hope you all enjoy the adventures you have planned and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you all back in September and also welcoming our new families.

Sunny Ile Team – Cheryl, Di, Jo, Debbie, Ali, Beccy and Helen

School Leavers - Tapestry

This week you will be receiving a link to download your child's Tapestry journal. A lovely memento to keep of their learning journey at Sunny Ile

Staffing

We would like to inform you that Beccy Dunn will be leaving us after this term as she has accepted a full time 1:1 role at Greenfyld School from September.

Beccy has been working part time in Greenfyld first School this last year and this week has been her last week with us in pre-school. Beccy has been with us for the last eight years and we would like to thank her from all at Sunny Ile for all her efforts, abilities and kindness to the staff, parents and children. We are so pleased that Beccy is able to work at Greenfyld as I'm sure all the children will see her again as they continue their learning journey through school. We want to wish Beccy the best of luck in her new adventure and thank you for all your hard work over the eight years.

Questionnaires

You will have received an email for our End of year questionnaire. We value your opinions and comments and would like to hear about your experience at Sunny Ile Preschool this year. The questionnaires are important to see our strengths and what we can improve on. Your opinion matters and using this questionnaire, provides us with the information to give the best quality care for your child.



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Cygnets Preschool

We would like to wish all of our families a wonderful summer holiday break.

We're so incredibly proud of how much resilience all of the children have shown again over this last year and how well they have all adapted to new routines.

A big Thankyou to all of our families for the amazing support you have given us over the last year and also having to adapt to new routines.

We would like to wish our school leavers the best of luck as you all begin your new journeys into school life. We are all so proud to have been part of your learning journeys in preschool and you will all be missed so much!

Thank you and a happy summer from the Cygnets team - Nat, Sophie, Naomi, Sarah and Kelly



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Online Safety Newsletter

Issue 6 – 22nd July 2021

Welcome to our online safety newsletter, designed to keep you up-to-date with the latest information on apps, games and ways in which you can support your child to stay safe online. These newsletters will be sent out termly and we welcome any ideas or requests for our future issues.

How is online safety taught in school?

At Greenfylde, children use iPads, netbooks and other forms of technology such as Beebots to develop their computing skills. Online safety is taught as stand-alone lessons each term but it is also integrated into each lesson – if we are using technology, we are making sure that we teach the children how to use it safely. We want to encourage the children to be open about discussing which apps and games they use so that we can equip them with the knowledge and skills to use these appropriately.



We know that Youtube is a site that many of our children use regularly. Use the links to find out how you can make Youtube and Youtube Kids as safe as possible for your children.

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/p-arents-ultimate-guide-to-youtube>
<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/p-arents-ultimate-guide-to-youtube-kids>

We need you!

We are looking for parents to join our online safety group. We meet up roughly once every half-term for about half an hour and discuss current online safety information to help the children and parents/carers in our school community to be well equipped to stay safe when using technology.

We would love to have the input of some of our parents/carers. If you are interested or would like more information, please speak to Mrs Budd (Camelot class).

Common Sense Media has a great website with a wealth of information on a range of technology. It is helpfully divided into age ranges so you can find advice to match the age of the children you have at home.



Pre-schoolers (2-4):

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/preschoolers>

Little kids (5-7):

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/little-kids>

Big kids (8-9):

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/big-kids>

While these newsletters will be sent out termly, we will be posting more regular updates on Class Dojo and Facebook.

Please let us know if you have any requests or suggestions for our next online safety newsletter.

We will be giving Dojo points to children who tell a school adult if they have had a conversation about online safety at home.