



Thursday 4th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update – Home-School Communication and Remote Learning

As we begin Term 6, we will be continuing to progress and improve our Home Learning offer over the course of the term and you will receive more information about what this will look like as we develop the model that we will be using. We will need to take into consideration the demands of our small staff availability as all teachers will be teaching full time throughout the day as well as providing feedback to support parents/children who are home learning. Although there are physically not enough hours in the day to provide the perfect home learning model that will meet the needs of all our families, please rest assured that we will do our very best to provide the best education that we are able to for your children, with the children's and our staff's wellbeing at the forefront of our decision making. We have some families who have requested a worksheet only approach alongside families who would like all home learning to be online only via. live lessons. We have some families who have access to a wide range of technology and high levels of connectivity and others who struggle with broadband connection or have more people than technological equipment. As I have mentioned before, every family faces a different situation and it is not possible to accommodate everyone's preferences but we will as always endeavor to do our very best for the children and to make it as accessible for all as we are able to, in line with our vision for inclusive schooling for all our children.

The staff have been busy receiving MS Teams training this week and our Senior Leadership Team are receiving some additional training tomorrow too. We will not be in a position to offer class live streaming but are eager to use the tools available to enhance the communications between children and their teachers. The staff are excited about the options and resources available through this platform and LSP have been eager to provide support for all schools too. When I have further information about this platform and the model that we will use this will be shared with you alongside some support for our school families in how to access and use the different tools available. We appreciate, in advance, your patience while we establish this new way of working and the compassion that you are demonstrating towards our school at this complex time.

Current Home Learning

The staff will be including a personal message alongside the weekly learning from next week to provide your child with some initial support, guidance and information before they begin. Taking onboard the feedback that we have received, we have also now added links to your child's class page on the homepage of the school website. Simply click your child's class and it will take you directly to the home learning overview and resources for the week ahead. We have removed previous content to make this as clear as possible for you.

I know that it is a challenging time for many families as you try to support your children both emotionally and with their learning at a time when many of you are also having to juggle working from home, returning to a work location and caring for vulnerable family members or people within the community. You are doing brilliantly. I would like to reassure you all that anything you are doing



to help your child with their home learning will be hugely beneficial. Every single child will return to school in a slightly different place, having had different experiences during lockdown and having experienced different home learning structures. We will take this into account as a school. We have an amazing team at Wraxall and our pastoral care is fantastic – as you so often say in your emails, letters and comments. Our priority when your children return to school is to support their wellbeing, make sure they feel happy, safe and settled and will then be to address any gaps in learning that may have developed. Our teachers and support staff know what they are doing and will work hard to support the children in their care. There is no right way for you to complete the home learning and no set timetable to follow. Do what is right and manageable for you and your child(ren).

New Website

I mentioned that there was some exciting news linked to our home school communication and interaction and I am pleased to announce that later this month we will be transferring to a new school website host and will have a new website design. The school website address will remain the same www.wraxallprimary.co.uk. The structure of this has been carefully thought out to make it as easy as possible to access the content that you need quickly. We have been working on this behind the scenes and are excited to share our new design with you. To support in our transition to this new website we ask that you email school and your child's teacher using the office email address or your child's class email

eyfs@wraxallprimary.co.uk

year1and2@wraxallprimary.co.uk

year3and4@wraxallprimary.co.uk

year5and6@wraxallprimary.co.uk

We will be phasing out our use of e-schools to communicate with you and will be using a new programme, which will email your email address directly in a regular email format. We will continue to have an online booking system for parents evening appointments too. We will contact you before the launch of the new website with some further information, but this will continue to develop our home-school links further. The home learning will still be made available on the class pages on the website and there will still be a coronavirus page with important links and resources. Class pages will be accessible for all so your child's grandparents, etc. can also see the exciting things that the children have been learning about at school.

Year 6 Leavers

There will be a separate letter sent out to Year 6 families shortly with some information about our plans to mark the end of their time at Wraxall. I am very aware that many of the events that they look forward to so much will now not be possible, but rest assured that we will make their final weeks at our school as special for them as we can. Further information to follow!

We are missing our Wraxall families. Although we are now back on the school site it is not the same without the children's smiling faces and the sound of their voices as they move around school. We look forward to the day when school will return to normal, but until that time comes we are all facing these challenges together as a community. Thank you for your kind words and wishes and for the lovely messages from the children.

Take care and keep safe,

Miss Townsend