

### DIARY DATES

**\*\*ALL DATES ARE PROVISIONAL IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC\*\***

Friday 12th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 22nd February	School re-opens (for vulnerable children and those whose parents/carers are 'critical workers')
Thursday 1st April	School closes for the Easter holiday
Monday 19th April	School opens for the summer term
Monday 3rd May	May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 28th May	School closes for half-term
Monday 7th June	School re-opens
Friday 16th July	School closes for pupils



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### A NEW TERM

This week, the Prime Minister announced that schools would not fully re-open until at least March 8th, but that this date depended upon a number of factors set by the government. Although this means a further-extended period when the school family are not together in person, your child's educational journey will continue through the daily 'live' sessions and by completing and returning all work set by their teacher. We appreciate that this is not the same as being in school and that it can be a little frustrating, but the more work which your child completes at home, the greater the impact on their learning. The team are here to help, so please keep in touch.

We really appreciate all you do.

### THANK YOU CRITICAL WORKERS

At this uncertain time, we would like to offer our gratitude and appreciation for all of the critical workers who are hard at work.

The efforts of so many, including lots of members of our school family, is so important.

**Thank you and please stay safe.**



### FROST, ICE AND SNOW ...WHICH WAY TO GO!

In the event of any more icy/snowy conditions please use only the cleared pathways for both entrances. To help maintain social distancing, please allow space for others to pass on the gritted area. If you also have a child at Kingsley Kingfishers and usually access school through the car park gate (Reception and Years 1 and 2), in the event of ice or snow, please use the front/main gate ONLY as a path will be cleared from this gate to the Kingfishers' entrance.

In the unusual (and rare!) event that we have to close due to health and safety issues caused by snow or ice, we will endeavour to contact you through text message and also aim to also put a message on the school website ([www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk)).

**Please remember NOT to walk across the school car park as this is not open to parents/carers and is also not gritted.**

Wrap up warm and remember your cosy hat!



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOUUUUUUUU!

We may not all be together in school at the moment, but please join us in sharing our 'Happy Birthday' wishes (in our best singing voices) with the following members of the school family who celebrate a birthday between 16th January and today (29th January).

Happy Birthday: Ava, Millie, Jasper, Etti, Mia, Evan, Mrs Emery and Mr Eccles.



## ADVICE ON HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

As you may now be using online devices on a daily basis to support learning, or perhaps your child has received a Playstation, Xbox, Nintendo Switch, tablet, laptop, mobile phone etc for Christmas, we are sure that you will agree that it is essential your child is safe in the online world. Therefore, we wanted to share some e-safety advice.

### 6 essentials to keep your children safe online

Follow this list to help keep your children safe online:

**Use parental controls** to block upsetting or harmful content, control in-app purchases, or manage how long your child spends online. They're really easy to set up too. More information about setting controls on mobiles, tablets, home broadband, games consoles, apps, wifi, films, music and TV is on the [NSPCC web pages](http://www.nspcc.org.uk), ([www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)) and there's a useful helpline number too.

**Regularly remind your children not to give out personal information**, like their address, phone number, school name or email address. It can be easy to forget with live streaming videos (like YouTube) that anyone could be watching, and it's important not to give away too much information about themselves.

**Get to know the games, apps and social media sites they use.** Learn how to use them yourself and how their 'privacy', 'block' and 'reporting' settings work.

**Make sure they know that people aren't always who they say they are online** and that they don't accept friend requests from people they don't know (even if the person has mutual friends, it doesn't mean they can be trusted).

**Talk about the risks of sharing photos** online or sending them to others. Once they're out there, they're out there!

**Let them know that you're listening** and want to know if anything at all makes them feel uncomfortable online, no matter what.

Please also make yourself aware of the age restriction of certain social media platforms, for example **Whatsapp is for 16+**, **Snapchat is for 13+**, and **TikTok is for 13+**.

Please also be aware of the content of online gaming, for example,  
**Fortnite is rated as suitable for 12+.**

**These controls are to there to simply keep your child safe in the online world.**

### Need to know more?

These are the places you can find good advice and guidance:

**NSPCC** ( [www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/) ) great for easy-to-follow parental control guides and knowing what to talk about;

**Think u know** ( [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) ) great if you're concerned, need to understand social media or are worried about online abuse;

**Staffordshire Police** (<https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/police-forces/staffordshire-police/areas/staffordshire-police/campaigns/2019/cyber-bullying/>) explains cyber bullying and online harassment;

**internetmatters** ([www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)) great for cyberbullying advice;

**CEOP Child exploitation and online protection command** ([www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre)) - if you suspect abuse report it to one of their specialist advisers now.

Advice on keeping children safe can also be found on our school website,  
[www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk)

We hope you find the above information useful, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact a member of staff.



## A LITTLE MORE HELP

Our Trust of schools work together with other Moorlands schools to offer support to families. As part of this, we are delighted to be able to share a few opportunities with you.



**Digital Parenting Support:** free online support for parents with children of all ages. This includes a "chat" facility with parenting coaches who offer professional advice and support. Within this service there is also online information for mental health, parenting, dealing with parental conflict, what I need to know about the Covid-19 situation and practical home learning and activity ideas. For more info please see the website:

[www.parents.actionforchildren.org.uk](http://www.parents.actionforchildren.org.uk)

### **Materials to help support your child's emotional well-being following the COVID-19 pandemic - for parents and carers**

<https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/advice.page?id=4Pf3vU6K9yM>

**Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub** – created to offer help for families in the Staffordshire Moorlands answering questions, helping you to find support and share ideas for coping with life in lockdown. [www.facebook.com/staffordshiremoorlandsfamilyhub](https://www.facebook.com/staffordshiremoorlandsfamilyhub)

## A LITTLE HELPING HAND WITH MEALS

During this period, we understand that many families may have experienced a change in circumstances. Whichever year group your child is in, if you think that you may now be eligible for income-based Free School Meals, we would urge you to submit an application. This also applies to children who currently receive a lunch due to being in Reception, or Years 1 and 2.

During this period of school closure, children who are eligible to receive income-based Free School Meals will have the option of receiving a food voucher.

To find out if you are eligible, or to apply for this additional support, please visit:

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals)

## PRAYING TOGETHER

As a proud church school, we know the importance of prayer in our lives. In an open letter, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York invite everyone across the country - whether they have faith or not - to pause, reflect on the pandemic, and to pray.



The Archbishops give thanks for NHS and social care staff, who they describe as "a blessing and lifeline for our nation"; for clergy; other frontline workers; and "so many good neighbours". They give thanks for the development of vaccines and reiterate a call to everyone to take the vaccine when it is offered.

They also urge people to support each other both by following the guidelines to limit the spread of the virus, and in practical ways, reaching out in care and kindness.

A link to the full letter from the Archbishops can be found in the Church section and News section of our school website.

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## STAFF TESTING

Our staff team now each have the option to self-test for Covid-19 at home. The lateral flow tests will provide staff with a rapid result and indicate when a full test may be needed at a testing centre.

We hope that by following this process on a regular basis we are able to further-reduce the risk of the virus in our lovely schools.



## STAYING SAFE ON THE ROADS

As much of our exercise is now limited to going for a walk and it is dark fairly early in the evening, it's important to **Be Bright and Be Seen** when you are out and about near roads.

**BE BRIGHT** – wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing when exercising or walking to and from school – it shows up well in daylight and at dusk.

**REFLECTIVE** – When it's dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well.

**IMPROVE** – improve your visibility with accessories, clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers added to your coat or bag are a great way to improve your visibility.

**GREEN CROSS CODE** – always choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to use the Green Cross Code.

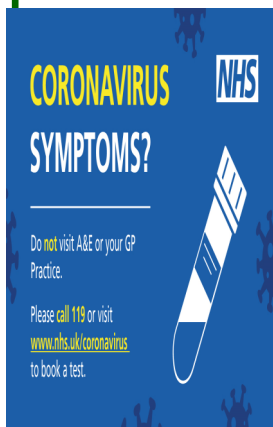
**HEADLIGHTS** – if you like to cycle, it's the law to have clean and working headlights on your bike at night (white at the front, red at the back) and a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.

## COVID-19 SYMPTOMS - SELF-ISOLATION

Should your child, or any member of the household (or anyone your child may have been in contact with) display any symptoms of Covid-19, please do not bring them into school until any self-isolation period is fully complete.

Should anyone in the household develop symptoms, please arrange a test as soon as possible. If your child has been in school the days prior to the test, or the days prior to the symptoms beginning, please let us know so we can follow our necessary procedures to minimise risk. If your child has been in school at any point this term and is now self-isolating, again, please let us know.

**Please stay safe.**



We now have a text messaging service for parents/carers of children aged 0-19 who live in Staffordshire.

Get advice from our Public Health nurses (Health Visitors and School Nurses).

**TEXT: 07520 615722**



ChatHealth

We might inform carers if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, hospital with it come or dial 111. Our text number does not require your child to follow privacy messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (partial does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health advice from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

## THANK YOU AND STAY SAFE

As we enter an extended period of partial school closure, we would like to send each of you the very best wishes of the whole staff team and Trust Board.

By continuing your child's learning at home through attendance at all 'live' sessions and completing all of the work set, you are doing a great job in helping to continue in their education in the face of a challenge to us as a global community.

We are very fortunate to be part of such a caring school family and please remember that there is always someone to talk to. If you feel as though you need advice, or a chat, there are a few numbers listed earlier in the letter, or please let us know and we can try to help.

As we complete our fourth week of the spring term, the team would like to offer thanks for the messages and words of support and the kindness which has been shown. It is much appreciated.

Please, please stay safe and please let your child know that we miss them!

**...love one another**

