

# Wendover CE Junior School



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*We aim to be the school of choice at the heart of our community.*

*Through living our Christian values, all children and adults at WCEJS have the opportunity to flourish as individuals.*

*We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead and the compassion to care.*

## WCEJS Newsletter 26 February 2021

### Collective Worship

Our theme of kindness and appreciation continued this week with a look at 'passing it forward.' We hope that many children are well on their way to earning their certificate which was forwarded to them via eSchools.

### Reopening of school to all pupils

The date is set and we are excited to have everyone back. In addition to this newsletter, please read the update that was emailed earlier this week (this is available on the school website on the parent section).

### COVID Update

We are getting set for the return of all pupils on Monday 8 March. As stated in the update earlier this week, our protocols and schedules will be predominantly as they were in the autumn term. It is important that next week is used to prepare children who have been learning at home throughout the lockdown. At the risk of sounding patronising, we strongly recommend the following:

- Encourage children to be fully dressed and begin work at 9am each morning
- Begin with maths and then have a short break (15-20mins) before moving onto English
- Encourage children to engage with real time support for the morning lessons
- Complete additional work in the afternoon and submit it by 4pm
- Encourage your child to engage with the class chat
- Encourage children to read each day and practice their times tables
- Organise school uniform and PE kit in advance; check that it fits and is all named

We completely understand if you need to operate on a more flexible basis at times.

### Parent Consultations

Our remaining consultations will be on Monday and Tuesday evenings next week. The information shared should greatly help us all to prepare for the return to full time schooling. Please encourage your child to be with you for the consultation and use the review of learning to support the discussion.

### Extended learning Competition

We hope that all children will submit at least one entry – 10 house points are awarded for each one. A pdf with ideas has been shared with children on eSchools. There are many different things children could do and we hope to build an exciting display in school with the entries.

In particular, we would like children to create a kindness link and bring this into school. These will be used for displays in the classroom and as part of our 'gallery of kindness' in the reception area.

### SEN Update

Children with SEN: getting ready for coming back to school

Over half of our children with SEN are in school and have been in school throughout lockdown: the others have been home-learning with remote support. However, we are now working towards all children being back in school as of Monday 8 March 2021. This will mean big changes for all children, whether in school or at home. We expect the school environment to be very similar to how it was back in September 2020. This will involve year group bubbles, social distancing, classes of 30 seated in rows and limited group / activity work. Those already in school will have to adapt to classes of 30 (rather than 15) and busier playgrounds. Those learning at home will have to adapt to getting up and coming to school. They will have to get used to being around larger groups, especially on the playground. They will also have to deal with the increased expectations of pace and intensity in the classroom, which can be very different to learning at home. Peer group relationships may have to adapt too – new friendships have been made during lockdown and old ones have lapsed a little. It may be that adult working relationships will have to adjust too.

We obviously want to make it as easy as possible for children to adapt to coming out of lockdown. We know that some children will be more than happy to walk back in on Monday 8 March as if they had never been away: we also know that there are children who will find that very challenging. Online meetings with the SENCO can be made for next Monday or Tuesday (3.40pm to 5.45pm) to discuss your child's return to school; please contact [admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk](mailto:admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk) to request an appointment.

We are so looking forward to having everyone back in school and want to make it as half easy as possible.  
Best wishes,  
Mrs Bartlett, SENCO

### **Safeguarding**

If you have a safeguarding / welfare concern or need additional support then please contact Mrs Bartlett: [admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk](mailto:admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk) Further information is available on our website.

