



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the last half term of the school year. Certainly the strangest in my many years of teaching but we have adapted and persevered and found ourselves in quite uncharted territory! We have had the joy of welcoming back some Reception children this week and if that goes to plan we can think about reintroducing Year 1s and then Year 6s. We are not going to rush this though, and we do appreciate how patient you are being so that we can make sure our staff and your children are protected as much as possible. We also have a physical and staff limited capacity with the bubble systems which is obviously nowhere near the usual capacity of the school. We have 10 classrooms, 10 children in a bubble in each... that is a maximum of 100 children! We still also have a number of staff who are shielding. I currently can't see where the government are taking us in terms of physical numbers of children vs physical space so it will be interesting to watch their plans for September come through, hopefully it won't be on August 31st!!

Transitions to the next year groups has always been a priority for us as a school, ensuring the mental health and wellbeing of the children who struggle with change are well supported. This is obviously going to be quite tricky this year but we will plan now for how to help you support your children and provide you with as much information as possible so you are all kept well informed.

Currently mental health is a big concern for all, if you feel that your child needs some additional support with coping with these strange times please don't hesitate to let us know and we will do what we can to help.

Keep safe and keep well. Hilary Priest

New Service - Devon Family Advice Line

ECI will be launching a new phone advice line for parents and carers across Devon on Monday 1 June. The number for the new service is 01392 949059 and it will be manned from 10 – 2pm Monday to Friday. People will be able to leave a message outside of these hours, or when the operators are all busy.

It will offer advice on a specific issue around their children and their family relationships, including any communication issues or conflict they are having with their partners or co-parents of their children. It is not meant to be a replacement for more targeted work, but just a way to offer people a place to be heard and a few tips on how to deal with a particular situation or to signpost them to an organisation which may be able to help them.



You are subscribed to SEND news from Devon County Council. This information has recently been updated, and is now available.

[Free online courses for parents](#)

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Devon Local Maternity System have purchased a multi-user licence for four Solihull Approach online courses, for all parents and parents-to-be. This means every single resident in Devon, Torbay and Plymouth can access the following courses completely free of charge: Understanding your pregnancy, birth, labour and your baby
Understanding your baby
Understanding your child
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