

# TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

16th April 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,  
I do hope that this Newsletter finds you well. This certainly wasn't the Easter fortnight we were expecting when we started the Spring Term last January!

Home Learning will restart next week. Thank you for all the work you are doing with your children. I am very aware that younger children often need lots of support to keep on task and however you are managing Home Learning we all really appreciate everything you are doing.

Best wishes to you all and stay safe.  
Mrs Siân Oustayiannis - Headteacher

### HOME LEARNING – SUMMER TERM

**Please look out for an important communication by email (eschools) on Monday.**

This will include information about:

- \*Online Reading books
- \*Tapestry for all children – we have extended Tapestry to include children in Years 1 and 2 during school closure. Feedback from Reception families is that this has been a particularly effective way for class teachers, parents and children to communicate during school closure.

Please continue to check into our Home Learning pages on our school website:

[https://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/home\\_learning/457240](https://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/home_learning/457240)

### MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Hello Everyone,  
I hope you all had a good Easter. I think about you all every single day and wonder what you are getting up to!

I hope you are keeping busy at home with all the things you love doing in school – reading, singing, drawing, dancing, chatting, running, telling jokes, making up stories, playing games, laughing, writing, making models, solving math's problems, learning about the world around us and lots, lots more.

Remember to be kind and helpful to everyone in your home – we all need to help each other more than ever now!  
Mrs Oustayiannis

### REMINDER - CONTACTING US

If you have any queries or messages **please can you email us:**  
[admin2326@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2326@welearn365.com)  
**rather than phone the school office** for now. This email inbox is checked regularly by our admin team, Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher. Correspondence is then dealt with or forwarded to the appropriate member of staff. We are handling a high volume of emails at this time but are doing our very best to respond as swiftly as we can.

## MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF CRITICAL WORKERS

Thank you for letting us know the days that you need care for your children over the next fortnight. We can confirm that your child has been allocated a place on the days that you requested on the google form you returned to us this week and times will remain the same:  
8.50am drop off and 3.20pm collection.

Should you no longer require any of the days you have booked please email the school office to let us know.

Lunch will be provided. Please could you send in a named, full water bottle and a piece of fruit for your child's mid-morning snack - not strawberries, kiwi or pineapple please due to allergies.

If you have been accepted for Critical Worker childcare at Telford Infants but have not yet needed to use the provision we have not sent you the google form this time around. You are still welcome to get in touch with us by email at any time advising us of days you require childcare. If you no longer need this provision at all please do inform us by email.

If you are a critical worker and did not sign up for childcare when schools first closed but now have no other option but to use this provision please email the school office. To save time with your application it would be very helpful if you could provide us with an electronic copy evidencing your critical worker status, eg. a letter from employer confirming your status; contract of employment; scan of your work lanyard. Similarly, if your circumstances change and you become a critical worker and have absolutely no other childcare in place please email us.

## SAFEGUARDING

If you have any Safeguarding concerns please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads:

- \*Mrs Siân Oustayiannis
- \*Ms Louise Roberts
- \*Mrs Suzanne Penton

During school closure they can be contacted by email:

[admin2326@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2326@welearn365.com)

This email is checked regularly.

You can also call the police - in an emergency **999** or a non emergency **101**.

With today's correspondence you will find two documents that have been provided by Warwickshire Safeguarding Service:

- \*How to get help when school is closed
- \*Coronavirus Personal Network

Instructions (This is part of our Protective Behaviours curriculum and parents are encouraged to work through this document with their children during Lockdown.)

## RECEPTION AND JUNIOR SCHOOL OFFERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

School offers for Reception and Year 3 for September 2020 have been released as planned by Warwickshire Admissions today. An email will also be sent guiding parents through the next steps, including how to accept offers and the process for waiting lists. The Admissions Service is asking parents to contact them with any queries by email:

[admissions@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@warwickshire.gov.uk)

We will be in touch to warmly welcome our new Reception families shortly - sadly our previously published plans for transition to Reception may now be subject to change. We are also working on how to best support transition under the current circumstances for our Year 2 children leaving us this summer.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your family's financial circumstances have changed at this very difficult time your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. Pupils entitled to Free School Meals are used as an indicator for Pupil Premium and a grant is allocated to schools to provide support for these children. In the short term this would entitle your child to a free packed lunch to be collected from school each school day during school closure.

Further information can be found:

\*Eligibility and how to apply:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

\*The school's information sheet related to this is attached to today's correspondence

Please also note the following arrangements for children eligible for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium during school closure.

The Department for Education guidance on providing free school meals during the current limited school opening arrangements states that:  
\*Schools are expected to provide free school meals to eligible children.

\*If school caterers are able to prepare meals or packed lunches, these should be offered to eligible children.

As Educaterers are continuing to operate on the school site, pupils eligible for Free School Meals at both Telford Infant School and Telford Junior School are offered a free packed lunch on a daily basis. For this reason the school is not providing supermarket vouchers.

Packed lunches are available to collect from school from midday. We understand that coming into school each day may prove difficult for some families but as school is now working with a significantly reduced staff we are unable to deliver lunches. We have also explored weekly food parcels but have been told by Educaterers that they cannot supply these.

## USEFUL LINKS FOR PARENTS

- **Family Information Service:**  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies)
- **Warwickshire Welfare Scheme:**  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarecheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarecheme)
- **Bereavement support:**  
[COVID – 19 Support WES EPS](http://COVID-19SupportWES.EPS)  
  
Email: [helpline@cruse.org.uk](mailto:helpline@cruse.org.uk)  
Phone: 0808 808 1677  
  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/coping-with-bereavement/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/coping-with-bereavement/)
- **Domestic Abuse Helpline:**  
[www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk)
- **Citizens Advice Service:**  
[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)
- **Young Carers:**  
Phone: 02476 217740
- **Samaritans Helpline:**  
Phone: 116 123  
Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)
- **Childline:**  
Phone: 0800 1111