



# Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a restful week and are looking forward to a bit more freedom next week when the lockdown ends.

We have been thinking about this a lot in school at the moment and we are constantly making changes to how we can keep our bubbles safe and avoid closing any parts of the school. The most recent COVID risk assessment is on our school website. We have good systems in place if this happens and our Remote Learning policy is ready to swing in to operation for children who are having to isolate but are otherwise fit and well. In the first instance, we will always direct you to the Oak Academy website which is a Government funded website set up precisely in case of a lockdown. Some of you might remember it from the first lockdown as we used it quite a bit over the summer. The link is below. After the first day, we will provide the same lessons your child would be getting if they were in school via Google Classrooms.

<https://www.thenational.academy>

Unfortunately, we've had to make the decision for children not to swap Christmas cards in school this year. The advice from the DfE and Gloucestershire County Council is that swapping cards in school raises the risk of spreading COVID within and across bubbles and we have a duty of care to keep everyone as safe and as virus-free as possible, especially in the run-up to Christmas. I know this might sound a bit over the top but your safety is our number one concern and I want to do everything I can to keep you and your families safe and I do not want to spoil any of your Christmas days with illness or self-isolation. We will still make cards in school to take home, and will be doing lots of other Christmassy things, but can I ask you politely to refrain from doing so in school.

I am aiming to have another Parent Zoom on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm. I don't yet have a focus for it so any suggestions, please let us know. These are opportunities to share your views and to be a part of the school's decision making process. I will send out a link nearer the time.

There is also some advice for your family on stranger danger, walking and staying safe as the nights draw-in. I know you may have seen it many times but (like the aeroplane safety demonstration!) it's always good to reread it and remind yourselves of the added dangers in the winter months.

Yours

Richard Lucas  
Executive Headteacher





### The Great Outdoors

Mark our maintenance hero has been making some improvements to the outdoor area this week. We are in the process of revamping the outdoor space immediately outside the conservatory and classrooms. We have welly boot racks for every child's pair of wellies. A bright and colourful addition to the space.

### Rev Sue Gratrix

It's with real sadness that we tell you that this Sunday is Rev Sue's last service in the Cam and Dursley area as she is retiring. Sue is leaving to spend more time with her grandchild and her foster children who keep her really busy. Sue will be moving over to Bristol, back into the city where we have no doubt she will sit still for about two weeks before her next adventure starts, whatever that may be.

Thank you Sue for all you have done for the school, we will miss your services and learning how to say The Lords Prayer in sign! Good luck x

#### **Proud Cloud Certificates:**

**Robins:** Ellanore, Jack

**Starlings:** Joseph, Oscar

**Owls:** Lucas R

#### **Values Certificates:**

**Robins:** Daisy

**Starlings:** Ben

**Owls:** Phoebe

#### **Growth Mindset Certificates:**

**Robins:** Toby for making discoveries and links when subtracting multiples of ten from 100.

**Starlings:** Poppy for having to really think about her MOT maths but once she understood she was off! Completed it all!

**Owls:** Harry P for your determination in maths this week.

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**We Respect**

**We Belong**