



# Great Wilbraham CE (VC) Primary School

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Dear Families,

I know I only wrote a newsletter last week but we have some news that I would like to share in advance of October half term.

## Parent Consultations

I am pleased to inform you that we will be able to offer parent consultations this term but these will take place later than normal and be after half term. We considered face to face meetings behind a screen but have taken the more cautious approach of using Teams meetings. These will have to stick to the ten minute limit to ensure the next meeting can take place and we hope that you can help us with this.

Each teacher will provide 'blocks' of times over the first two weeks in November for you to book slots in via Parentmail. We appreciate that families may wish to have sibling appointments close to each other but if this is not possible then we hope you will understand as we find the best way of being able to facilitate these important meetings.

## Survey about remote education

Thank you to those who completed the survey about remote education. It brought to the fore some issues we can address if we need to go into lockdown again so thank you for your feedback.

One issue over the use of hardware is something we are considering and we are hoping to purchase some more IT hardware to help us teach children to use Teams in Y1-Y6; the PTFA have kindly offered to assist in this. I have requested new login details for children who are new to the school and hope to have these next week. Homework will be placed on Teams and we may use the Assignments tool which was trialled during the summer term.

I have also created a remote education policy which aligns with the DfE expectations. This will be on our website when it has been approved by the County Council.

## Timings

We are continually reviewing our arrangements and will be making the following changes from after October half term. The drop off window for children in Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Badgers will be slightly earlier and shorter to minimise disruption to morning routines and help settle children into their learning quicker. There will not be any changes to the end of the school day. From 3<sup>rd</sup> November timings for the day will be as follows

Y1 – Y6 children drop off between 8.40am and 8.50am and pick up between 3.10pm and 3.20pm

YR children drop off between 8.50 and 9.00am and pick up at 3.10pm

We would urge parents to ensure their children arrive during the drop off windows as late arrivals are very disruptive both for the child and the rest of the class as well as taking up staff time.

## School meals

As we have already mentioned yesterday, we are really pleased to let you know will be offering hot lunches again each day from after half term. As this will continue to be served to children in their bubbles we have had to limit the menu however we do hope your children will like what we have put together.

Children in Reception will get the full lunchtime experience using the 'airplane' trays to collect their lunch and eating in the hall as at present.

We have arranged for a limited hot lunch menu to be available over the next two weeks as we change back to the daily hot service – details sent out yesterday.

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## Harvest Festival and Collective Worship

Rev Alice, Father Miles and the team at the Church produced a YouTube Harvest Festival this week. I have uploaded this to our School Videos channel on Teams. You will also find my Monday collective worship on there too.

## Lastly

I will definitely be off from Thursday next week, at the latest, on paternity leave so will wish you a great half term and thank you all for adhering to the protocols implemented to keep our school community safe. Without your help and support it becomes very challenging and all the staff appreciate those wearing masks, keeping their distances and working with us to keep everyone safe.

Thank you!

Richard Brown

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