



Tilston Parochial
CE Primary School

Bringing out the Best in Everyone.
'Encourage one another and build each other up.' Thessalonians 5:11

Date: 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely half term break.

We were delighted to hear the Prime Minister's announcement this week and look forward to welcoming all children back on Monday 8th March 2021. It is vital that we continue to follow very strict safety measures to keep staff, children and families safe and avoid any future closures.





We have reviewed our risk assessment and implemented some enhanced safety measures. Please read the information carefully to ensure all parents, staff and children are following the procedures from Monday 8th March.



Public Health England

How to stop the spread of COVID-19

Read our new guidance which brings together existing info on:

-  social distancing
-  good hygiene
-  ventilation
-  face coverings

We will continue to follow the Department of Education and Public Health guidance.

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Bubbles

We have created four bubbles:

Wrens & Bluebell Nursery

Robins

House Martins

Kestrels

Bubbles have a consistent team of staff and do not mix.

Preparing for the school day.

- Please do not send in any school bags or book bags.
- Please provide a disposable bag for packed lunches.
- Please provide a water bottle.

Face Coverings

All parents are expected to wear face coverings at all times.

Staff will wear face coverings in school where social distancing with children is not possible. All staff wear face coverings in communal areas.

Uniform

Full school uniform will be expected from Monday 8th March. On PE days (See PE section) children to come to school wearing their PE kits please.

Drop Off

We will implement a staggered start and end to the school day to reduce the number of people on the premises and avoid any contacts with people outside your family bubble.

8:40-8:50am- All families with a surname starting with the letter **A-J** can enter the yard and drop off children. Teachers and teaching assistants will be on the yard to welcome children and supervise them walking to classes.

8:55-9:05am- Families with surnames starting with the letter **K-Z** can enter the yard and drop off children.

Please do not arrive at school before your allocated time. It is vital we reduce the contact between families as we remain in a national lockdown. Please keep a 2 meter distance from other families at all times.

Wrens & Bluebell Nursery- Please use the reception class door.

Robins- Please use the side gate.

House Martins- Please use the gate.

Kestrels- Please use the side gate and access the class via the external door.

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Collection Times

Children will be dismissed according to their surname.

3:00-3:10pm- A-J

3:15pm-3:25pm- K-Z

Please only arrive at the allocated time. Please come on the yard to collect and keep footpaths clear at all times.

Hand washing

All children will wash hands as they enter school and at regular times throughout the day.

Lunch

Children can choose between a hot cooked school dinner and a packed lunch; packed lunches need to be in disposable bags please. Children will eat their meals in their classrooms to avoid any mixing of bubbles around school.

Snack

Children in Wrens, Bluebell Nursery and Robins receive a free piece of fruit daily. KS2 children can buy a bagel and cuplet of juice for 65p from the school kitchen. Please make all payments using the online payment system and book and pay the day before.

PE Days

We are delighted to welcome back Premier Sports and Chester Cricket Board this half term.

Class	PE	Outdoor Exploring
Wrens & Bluebell Nursery	Tuesday & Thursday	
Robins	Tuesday & Thursday	
House Martins	Tuesday	Wednesday 10 th March & Wednesday 17 th March
Kestrels	Tuesday	Wednesday 24 th March & Wednesday 31 st March

PE- Children are to come to school dressed in their PE kits Please.

- Black/Blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- White t shirt
- School jumper
- Trainers or pumps

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Outdoor Exploring- Children to come dressed in outdoor kit please.

- Black tracksuit bottoms/leggings
- School t shirt
- School sweatshirt
- School shoes

Please provide a full set of waterproofs, thick socks and wellies.

Early Starters

Ms Harrison will run early starters from 8am daily and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis in accordance with the DFE guidance.

DFE Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

From 8th March, providers should only offer indoor and outdoor face-to-face provision to:

- Vulnerable children
- Other children, where the provision is:
reasonably necessary to enable their parents and carers to work, search for work, undertake education or training, or attend a medical appointment.

After School Club

Miss Jukes, Mrs Hegarty and Mrs Griffin will run after school club from 3:15pm to 5:30pm. Places are limited and will be allocated to families meeting the criteria and on a first come first served basis. Please complete and return the attached booking form to admin@tilston.cheshire.sch.uk

Lunch Menu for week beginning	
Monday	All day breakfast* or deli option with salad
Tuesday	Tomato pasta with crusty bread and veg or filled jacket potato with salad.
Wednesday	Roast gammon* dinner or deli option with salad.
Thursday	Chicken curry* or filled jacket potato with salad.
Friday	Cheese & tomato pizza with fries or filled jacket potato with salad.

*Vegetarian option available

World Book Day



To celebrate World Book day, we are asking all children to join us on Thursday 4th March and wear their pyjamas for the day! All staff will record a story and upload it on School Spider. Teachers will plan a range of activities for the children to enjoy.

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Celebration Assembly

Our personal development goal this week is **improve**. Well done to the following children who have improved this week.



Stars of the Week



R	Tom: great improvement in writing.
Y1	Laurie: showing improved control with his handwriting.
Y2	Noah: great improvement with his handwriting across the curriculum.
Y3	Megan: improving her maths skills and trying really hard with all her learning.
Y4	Oskar: improving work at home, especially his presentation.
Y5	Daniel: improved independence in his maths work.
Y6	Megan: always working hard to improve her work.

Let's Go Green for Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.



Our Let's Go Green for Clatterbridge challenge starts on Monday 1st March. If you would like to take on this challenge, please remember to turn the days into miles and complete 31 miles over the month of March. Please take pictures and keep us updated of your progress.

To donate, please follow the link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tilstonprimaryschool>

Thank you for your donations so far, we have already raised £61.00.

Parents' Evening

This term's Parents' Evenings will run in the same format as in Autumn term with telephone calls to parents. To book your 10 minute appointment, please use the School Spider booking system which will go live on Friday 5th March at 5pm and close on Friday 12th March at 5pm.

Parents will need to log on to the school website www.tilston.cheshire.sch.uk and access the parent area. You will need to login using your username and password. If you do not know your username and password, please contact Mrs Farmer as soon as possible so you will be able to access the system on Friday 5th March.

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Parents' Evening Dates & Times		
Monday 22 nd March 3:30-6:30pm	Kestrels Miss Winter	
Tuesday 23 rd March 3:30-6:30pm	Kestrels Miss Winter	
Wednesday 24 th March 3:30-6:30pm	House Martins Mrs Hughes/Mrs Callister	
Thursday 25 th March 3:30-6:30pm	House Martins Mrs Hughes/Mrs Callister	
Monday 29 th March 3:30-6:30pm	Robins Mrs Bryan/Mrs Berry	
Tuesday 30 th March 3:30-6:30pm	Robins Mrs Bryan/Mrs Berry	Bluebell Nursery & Wrens Mrs Edwards
Wednesday 31 st March 3:30-6:30pm	Bluebell Nursery & Wrens Mrs Edwards	

Extra-Curricular Activities

We are delighted to offer some after school sports clubs this term, however due to Covid-19 restrictions, we can only offer the clubs to individual bubbles to avoid mixing.

Cricket Club

Owen Williamson will run a weekly cricket club for children in year 1 and year 2 every Tuesday from 3:00-4:00pm. The club will run for 4 weeks starting on Tuesday 9th March. Please use the attached booking form.

Premier Sports

Premier Sports will run a sports club for children in Year 1 & Year 2, every Thursday 3:15-4:15pm. The club will run for 4 weeks until the end of the spring term. Each session costs £4.00. To book a place, please pay using the online payment system. Premier Sports will run sports clubs for KS2 during the Summer Term.



British Science Week

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will take place between **5-14 March 2021!** Due to the wider re-opening of schools from 8th March, we will be planning a variety of activities next week to celebrate British Science Week; our focus from March 8th needs to be supporting our children returning to school. All teachers will plan a range of activities which we hope all children, at home and in school, will enjoy the week.

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Prayer of the week: By

Dear Lord,
Thank you for doing all you do.
Helping me be able to look forward, instead of looking back,
Helping me get through this tough time.
Thank you lord for always being by my side,
For letting me finally have something to look at and say I will be able to do,
Thank you, for being my friend, when I can't actually see my friends.
Thank you, Lord,
Amen.

I appreciate this is a very lengthy newsletter and thank you for taking the time to read it. It is vital that we all understand that the wider re-opening of Tilston Parochial Primary School needs to be done cautiously and safely to avoid any future closures.

We are still in a national lockdown and children and families should not mix outside of school unless you have formed an exclusive childcare bubble. I have a duty to ensure all staff, children and families are safe and I hope you will continue to work with us and follow the lockdown rules. A safe wider reopening will hopefully help us to progress through the government's roadmap and enjoy a wonderful summer together.

Yours sincerely

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