

Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

Following feedback from parents, we will be launching our 'live' lessons next week for all of the children who are continuing to learn at home. These videos will be recorded and uploaded onto each class page of the website so that children who miss the lessons can view them at a later date. We are hoping it may reinvigorate and motivate the home learners and I am sure all of the children will enjoy the interaction with their class teacher. I am also planning to do a whole school assembly each Friday at 09:30 and it will be wonderful to have all of the children on Teams at one time – I do hope your child will join me! The Government announced this week that all children will be back to school in September but we are awaiting further guidance from them about what this will look like and it is unclear what the reducing of the 2 metre to 1 metre plus social distancing means for our school. We will await the guidance with our usual patience and will work with the Trust and Local Authority to ensure that the safety and well-being of our pupils and staff is our main concern. I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

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Well done and Thank you:

This week has been Armed Forces Week and Dragonfly class have produced a video to show our support for them, as they all #saluteourforces. If you would like to view the video please click [here](#).

Well done and thank you to Dragonfly and other classes in the school for supporting the incredible work carried out by our Armed Forces Community.

Home Learning:

The staff received their training on Microsoft Teams this week and know how to organise live lessons and assignments. You should have received an email with the details of your child's live lessons via Parentmail. Each class will have three live lessons with their teacher per week, at a specified time, and there will be follow up activities. This means that there will be no more pre-recorded videos, although the live lesson will be recorded and uploaded to the class page of the website. Teachers will still be planning activities on Purple Mash and there is also the White Rose Maths lesson for you to use too.

If you would like more paper based learning and less online learning, please do look at our website for further ideas.

If you have any problems, worries or concerns with the home learning please do email your child's class teacher through admin@isleofelyprimary.org and they will be more than happy to help you. It is important to note that these are **exceptional times** and how much of the home learning is done is very dependent on your family circumstances. We do not expect your child to do every piece of work that is set. The important thing is that your children are safe, well and happy.

For alternative lessons, please look at Oak National Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/> or BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

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Keeping Children Safe Online:

The DfE has updated [guidance](#) for parents and carers about keeping children safe online. New information on apps has been added.

The BBC have a website and app called [Own It](#). The website has a lot of content for children to help them navigate their online lives, and the free smartphone app comes with a special keyboard which can intervene with help and support in the moments that children need it the most.

[SafeToNet](#) is an app for parents to help them safeguard their children from online risks, like cyberbullying and sexting, whilst respecting their child's rights to privacy. The SafeToNet Foundation is providing UK families with free access to 1 million licences during coronavirus

Arriving at School:

Thank you to all of the parents and children for following our socially distancing drop off and pick up arrangements – it is really working well. Please can we ask that those families who have younger children with them at these times keep your children by your side and do not allow them to run around, go in between other families or play with their friends? Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

School Uniform:

We received information today that YourSchooluniform.com are experiencing disruption to their supply chain and that coupled with one of the earliest back to school dates for some time has added pressure for delivery.

If you would like to order school uniform, please do so in July at the latest and they should be able to deliver the uniforms to school and you will be able to pick them up from us at the start of the new term in September. They are processing orders strictly in date order and with the impact of Covid-19 they expect delays with later orders.

Hot Weather:

It has been incredibly sunny and warm this week. Please send your child to school with eight hour sun cream on, a hat and a water bottle. We didn't spend long outside this week but the children were keen to have some fresh air and we want to ensure they are safe in the sun.

Diary dates & events

Summer term:	Monday 20 th April 2020 to Tuesday 21 st July 2020
Half term:	Monday 25 th May 2020 (May Bank Holiday) to Friday 29 th May 2020
Bank Holiday:	Friday 8 th May (School closed to children)

School Term Dates 2020/2021

Autumn term

Starts	Monday 7th September (3rd & 4th September PD days)
Half term	Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2020 (Monday 19 th October PD Day)
Ends	Friday 18th December 2020
Christmas holiday	Monday 21st December 2020 to Sunday 3rd January 2021

Spring term

Starts	Tuesday 5th January (Monday 4th January PD Day) 2021
Half term	(Friday 12th February PD day) Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February
Ends	Friday 26th March
Spring (Easter) holiday	Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April

Summer Term

Starts	Monday 12th April
Half term	Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June
Ends	Thursday 22nd July 2021
Bank Holiday (School Closed)	Monday 3rd May 2021

PD days - The school is closed on the following days for the professional development of staff:

3rd September 2020, 4th September 2020, 19th October 2020, 4th January 2021 and 12th February 2021