



# JUNE NEWSLETTER

## St Giles Junior School

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Dear Carers and Parents,

We appreciate that the end of this school year is so different and unusual but in the limited time left, we will endeavour to make the best of all opportunities and give a positive end for everyone.

I know the children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be disappointed that they are still unable to return with the current guidelines in place. One thing we can update you with is that we are doing our best to build in a transition period, albeit a short one, so that children will spend some time with their new class and teacher. We have limited time to fit this in as we have our new Year 3 children coming into school for brief meetings, and classes are still open for Year 6 and keyworker children, but we are planning for some transition time. We will, as always, keep you all informed with our plans as they unfold as the school will fully close at the end of this term as usual to enable to the staff to rest and to prepare for the new academic year.

Possibly the main question we are now being asked about is about the September start, and on what basis there will be a return. We are anticipating an announcement from the government which should clarify the expectations for the return, in full, from September. As they have said, the DfE will issue guidance soon for schools to help us set up the next phase in school opening. In addition to the physical preparations, we know that we will have a lot to do; curriculum adjustments, classroom adaptations and new systems to agree and establish together.

Thank you again for your patience, I wish you all well for the last few weeks of this summer term as we all prepare for the next steps out of lockdown.

Mr Mann

## CYPDAS NEWSLETTER 12/06/20

Compass CYPDAS will now be sharing a newsletter every two weeks, providing service updates, contact details, and a feature piece on different substances to raise awareness amongst children and young people.

### ABOUT US

We provide support for Warwickshire children and young people under 25 who are vulnerable to substance use or have been affected by another's substance use. The service is free and confidential.

### Difficult to find your motivation?

During the Covid-19 lock down you may find it difficult to find any motivation to change your drug and alcohol use. With no education or employment to fill your days or even give you a reason to get out of bed what's the point? Here are a few ideas to get you thinking. Healthier body and mind, reduce risk of harm to yourself and others, better education and employment outlook, better relationships with friends and family and more money and no debt.

#### ACTIVITIES TO KEEP THE BOREDOM AT BAY

1. Making home-made Fathers day cards
2. You could go bug hunting in the garden or local park and see what you can find
3. Listen to a podcast or an audio book

*If you are worried about a friend, family member or yourself and are after some more information, please get in touch:*

Service mainline: 01788 578 227

Text ChatHealth: 07507 331 525 (for ages 11-19)

Email: [compass.warksypsdufy@nhs.net](mailto:compass.warksypsdufy@nhs.net)

Instagram: [@compasswarksyp](https://www.instagram.com/compasswarksyp)

## TOPIC 5: MOTIVATION TO CHANGE

Motivation to change is a person's drive to change his or her own behaviour or beliefs. Motivation can come from within. This is when your reasons to change are not for any reward or outside gain but instead for the sake of your own happiness and well being.

### 5 stages to change

There are 5 stages to change, these are (in relation to drug and alcohol use):

1. Pre-contemplation - when you are not ready to change your drug and alcohol use and are still enjoying the feelings and experiences you get from using.
2. Contemplation - You start to think about your drug and alcohol use and weigh up the pros and cons of stopping.
3. Preparation - You decide to make changes to your drug and alcohol use and maybe contact Compass for support.
4. Action - You start to make positive changes to your drug and alcohol use either on your own or with help from a service like Compass.
5. Maintenance - A change in drug and alcohol use has been made and sustained  
When the change is sustained for a period of time you may no longer need any help from services and the change is permanent
6. Relapse - You go back to your old habits of drug or alcohol use and are back at stage 1.

## Summer Child Care

Thank you for completing the recent survey. New guidance means that child care providers can now open for the summer holidays providing options for those of you who need to find child care for the 6 weeks.

Warwickshire County Council are currently looking at the possible options in the area so we can let parents know.

Again, we will keep you informed as we find out ourselves.

## Shielding Advice

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## Year 6 into Year 7 Support

Our website provider, Schudio, offer free courses on how to offer support to your child. Just create an account and then watch the video clips. It's worthwhile all carers/ parents having a look, as there are lots of supportive ideas.

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## Home Education

We do have our own Home Learning platform, Seesaw, but on 24th June, DfE updated its guidance on online education resources for home learning. It now includes a document called Home Education: tips for parents.

It covers:

- Keep it simple;
- Find your home education routines;
- Look for the positives;
- Encourage planning and reflection;
- Support your child to manage their own education;
- Encourage your child to talk about what they are studying;
- Children with SEND.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources>

## Maintaining Social Distance Outside of School

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have been keeping a social distance from each other when dropping off and collecting children from school. We are being made aware that there are issues with some children mixing when outside of school, meeting and not maintaining a distance. This negates all the efforts we are making in school to keep bubble classes separated but this is something we do not have control over. Please encourage your child to maintain social distancing outside of school, and praise them for following the safe 2m rule. They have adapted so well in school by supporting the measures currently in place for everyone's safety.

## New Classes For September

Classes for September have now been finalised – thank you to those parents who sent in any friendship requests. We have tried to accommodate choices, but be mindful that ensuring the best opportunities for learning are met is our primary wish. An email will be sent out this week informing you of your child's new class and teacher. As always, keep a regular check of your inbox.

## Class Awards

Each year, classes usually vote for their student of the year from their class, and the class teacher also usually selects their student of the year. This time there will be a little more work to do to get the information, but we think it is important we still do this.

Students need to look out for a post on Seesaw where they will have the opportunity to vote for the person in their class they think has been student of the year, giving their reasons why. If your child is not on Seesaw then they can still nominate a child from their class for student of the year via the school admin email address. [admin2571@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2571@welearn365.com)



## Staff Change

A new member of the Senior Leadership will be joining us in September. It has been decided that managing two major roles within the school, Deputy and SENCo, was becoming unmanageable for just one person as the time needed for each role has grown.

The new demands placed on ensuring the new curriculum is adapted and delivered, coupled with leading on other DfE initiatives, will now be taken up by a new member of staff, Mr Lee from September. He is currently at St Johns Primary School in Kenilworth, but knows the school well. Miss Davies will remain part of the Senior Leadership team, and continue to support the SEND element of the school, as this is where her passion lies, and she is a recognised outstanding practitioner. Miss Davies and Mr Lee will both have a class teaching commitment in addition to their Senior Leadership position.

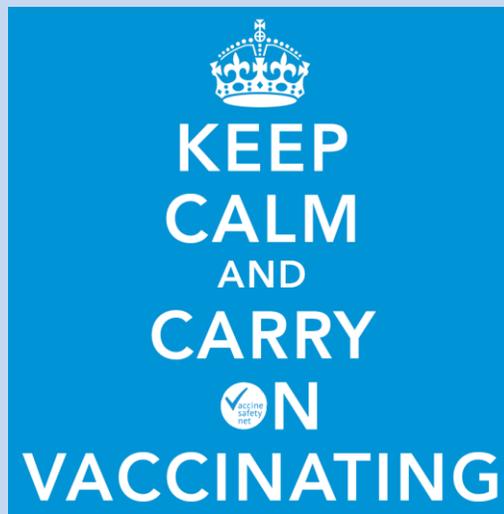
I am sure that you will welcome Mr Lee to the school, and also thank Miss Davies, particularly for her work over the last couple of months. Her work assisting the set up of the online learning, whilst managing everyone so supportively during these unprecedented times, has benefitted all.

## What's Happened to the Playgrounds?

When you do return to school you will notice that our playgrounds will look a little different. Mr Burch, our PE Lead, has been busy ensuring that the students have greater opportunities to keep fit and healthy by arranging for all playgrounds to have new lines for PE games, plus activities and fitness trails.



## Help to protect against serious vaccine-preventable diseases



During Covid-19 local GPs have reported a drop in the uptake of pregnancy, infant and pre-school booster vaccinations in Warwickshire.

Attending routine vaccination appointments is important, as it helps to stop an outbreak of serious vaccine-preventable diseases such as Measles, Meningitis and whooping cough.

If you are pregnant or have young children, it's important that you continue to attend your scheduled vaccination appointments on time. If you cancelled these appointments during lockdown, please rebook now.

Your GP surgery will have all the necessary precautions in place to keep you and your child safe from COVID-19. If you have any questions about the steps they have put in place, why not talk to the receptionist to help ease your concerns.

Attending your routine vaccination appointments not only protects you and your children from very serious illnesses, but also protects more vulnerable people who would be at very great risk if they were to contract these diseases.

If you're unsure about the schedule and when vaccinations are due, check your child's Red Book or visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

For more information call your GP or text:

- Warwickshire health visitors on CHAT Health: 07520 615293 anytime (responses Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm).
- Warwickshire school nursing on 03300 245 204 or text Parentline on 07520 619 376.