



Trawden Forest Primary - School Newsletter

Every child matters; every moment counts.

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Well done to all our pupils who are uploading work and taking part in their daily class zoom meetings, you are learning well. May I also say well done to Parents and Carers too, I know it is very difficult at the moment trying to juggle both work and home schooling, but keep at it, you are all doing an amazing job - thank you. It has been great to see our year 6 children back in school this week and we are looking forward to the safe return of our Year 1 bubble on Monday. Also this week Year 2 have had lots of fun making healthy smoothies with Mr Loynds and Miss Hart, my goodness they looked delicious!

I wish you all a relaxing weekend. We are all trying to make the best of this difficult situation and hopefully you can still have some fun times with your families.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.
Mrs Stinchon

Live zoom sessions:-



EYFS:- Live slot 1.00-1.30pm daily

Y1:- Live slot 9.15-9.45am daily

Y2:- Live slot 10.00-10.30am daily

Y3:- Live slot 11.00-11.30am daily

Y4:- Live slots 9.45-10.15am and 1.30-2.00pm daily

Y5:- Live slots 10.30-11.00am and 2.45-3.10pm daily

Y6:- Live slots 9.00-10.00am and 2.00-2.45pm daily

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Congratulations to all our certificate winners



EYFS Evie, Jade, & Luca

YR 1 Ollie H, Bethany, Ollie S

YR 2 Alfie & Sophia

YR 3 Sophie & Lucy

YR 4 Daisie-Mae, Mia, Patrick & Noah

YR 5 Archie & Sam

YR 6 Emily, Jamie, Vincent

Birthdays this week

YR 1 Logan

YR 2 Madelaine

YR 4 Patrick & Louie

YR 5 Lily, Hollie, Sam &

Riley

YR 6 Emily, Sam & Imogen



Now we are experiencing unpredictable weather, can we politely ask that children bring suitable coats/jackets along with hats and gloves to school for use during playtime sessions. Children can also come in wellies/boots but MUST bring their school shoes to change into for in school. Thank you.



Please keep an eye on our school website and our Facebook page as we regularly post or upload the fabulous learning that is taking place both in and out of school. Our children are working so hard and they make us very proud! Take a look for yourself...
<https://www.trawden.lancs.sch.uk/>
<https://www.facebook.com/Trawden-Forest-Primary-School->



THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Our school council, Mrs Atkinson and everyone else here at school would like to thank Trawden Forest Parish Council for their extremely generous donation. This will enable school to continue to develop our own fabulous forest school provision!



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Dear Parents and Carers

Number of pupils attending school

Thank you to all those parents who are able to keep their children at home and are following the government guidelines. Keeping your child at home will help to keep your family and our staff team safe as cases of Corona Virus still continue to be extremely high. The Government has issued the guidance to "Stay Home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives". We assume that by sending your child to school this is because your home is empty and that there is nobody to care for your child.

DfE guidance clearly states: "parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can".

At this time of national crisis the DfE recognise that attendance at school, needs to be limited in the face of the rapidly rising numbers of Covid-19 cases across the country and the intense pressure that this is placing on the NHS. The DfE guidance notes "whilst schools are attended by vulnerable children and the children of critical workers only, where possible schools should keep group sizes small".

I cannot believe that we are now halfway through our Spring half term. Our Governing Body had agreed that during lockdown a safe maximum number of children that we can accommodate (based on classroom space) is 15 in each year group bubble. This also takes into account staffing levels. In some of our classes we are at the maximum number of children that our lockdown risk assessment will allow. As a school we will always do our utmost to support parents and adhere to Department for Education guidance. Despite giving out this information, our numbers are still much higher than we anticipated. We have over double the number we had in March. Therefore, to add more nullifies the impact of closing the school. If you contact us now requesting a key (critical) worker/vulnerable pupil place, we will find this very difficult to do.

The Governing Body have taken the decision to prioritise children if there is an available space in the class bubble

The criterion is as follows:

1. Children identified as being vulnerable.
2. Children where both parents are critical workers or children with single parents who are a critical worker.
3. NHS and Education critical workers will take priority if necessary.
4. Children where only one of two parents is a critical worker. (NHS and education critical workers will take priority if needed.)

This criterion has been shared with the Local Authority who have confirmed that they will support the Governing Body decision.

I am therefore, asking you to consider whether your child 'has' to be in school or if there is any way you can use the materials provided to educate your child at home. If you can do this, you will help to reduce the number of pupils in school and therefore help to protect your family as well as the staff team and their families.

Hopefully, we will not be asked for additional places. If we are then we will have to look at readdressing our numbers and possibly sending children home and prioritising other children in line with the criteria as stated above. If your child has a place and you feel that you can rearrange childcare and you no longer need them to be in school, then please do let us know. If we do get an application for a place and the class bubble is full, you will be asked to send your request in writing to governors.

We understand that it's not easy to home educate your child, especially after the long period of home learning between March and July. I am sure this is something you hoped you would never have to do again! Class teachers are always available to give advice, help with ideas if work is becoming difficult, maybe have an alternative way of home learning if you have hit a snag. Please do not hesitate to contact them directly by seesaw or email or ring the school office. We also are aware that some families have more than one child who will need to access a device to be able to complete their learning. Alongside this we know parents will be working too! If you need support with devices please contact the school office.

We seem to have started in a very positive way and feel that we are accommodating all families and all situations. We are still able to take feedback and adjusting if necessary so please let us know if we are getting it right or if you are struggling, as sometime just a chat will help. As always I want to assure you that myself and the staff at Trawden will do all we can to support you during this crisis, so please keep in touch.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this very strange and trying time.

Yours sincerely

LJ Stinchon

Headteacher

I Ross

Chair of Governors

P Wright

Vice-chair of Governors

