

8th January 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Well...that is a week that did not finish as it started! Thank you so much for your patience and understanding while we have had to make plans and review systems for home learning. This will be a newsletter with quite a bit of information, so please keep it somewhere safe! As always, we will post it on the school website.

Opening Times

For those children who are still attending school, we have gone back to our normal opening times of 8.45 to 3.20 as the site is not as congested. Therefore please do not come on site until 8.30.

Breakfast and After-School Club

This is continuing to operate from 7.45 and after school until 6pm. All sessions must be booked and paid for in advance.

Where to Go!

If you are bringing your child to school, please ensure there is only one adult to accompany them and then take them to their year group classroom. Thank you.

School Meals

If your child is in school, we are providing hot meals as normal. The menu is attached with this newsletter. All children in Reception, Year One and Two will still be able to have universal infant meals. If you want to pay for meals, do this as usual through school gateway.

Free School Meals

If you are eligible for free school meals and your children are not in school, we are just setting up a system for delivering food for lunches which should last at least a week. Please bear with us as this is taking a bit of organizing. Thank you.

Accessing a School Place

If you are a key worker/essential worker, then you will have completed the form requesting a place and then will have booked sessions using the link, which has been sent out. We will book sessions on a two week basis. We will send a link to all registered parents on the **Wednesday** before the next booking period and would like the booking to be done by **Friday** lunchtime.

Please do not share this link with other parents. It is really important that we are able to manage places effectively.

If your child has a place because they belong to one of the vulnerable groups, we will assume that they will do the same sessions each week. Please do not change this without having a conversation with staff in school first, thank you.

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Home Learning

Thank you so much to all the parents supporting children to access home learning. Please just do your best. We know you are not teachers and we know that everyone's lives are more stressful at the moment. I thought it would be useful to share a few things.

Each day the teachers will take a register of who is accessing home learning. We are also looking at what learning they are accessing. So far, maths is doing well and we need to do a bit more English!

The feedback so far seems to be that google classroom is a big improvement on Purple Mash which we used last time.

If you are having any issues with accessing online learning, please use the year group email; teachers will not respond to emails sent to their personal school email addresses.

Mrs Elworthy/Mrs Bruce/Mrs Fox foundation@willowbrook.devon.sch.uk

Mrs Scott/Mrs Corke/ Mrs Tattersall year1@willowbrook.devon.sch.uk

Miss Shawyer/ Miss Pilkington year2@willowbrook.devon.sch.uk

Miss Stanbury/ Mr Inglis year3@willowbrook.devon.sch.uk

Mr Dawe/ Miss Hughes year4@willowbrook.devon.sch.uk

Miss Walker/ Mr Semple year5@willowbrook.devon.sch.uk

Miss Zarlus/ Mrs Mellors/ Mrs Busby Grayer year6@willowbrook.devon.sch.uk

If you have issues with email, you can also discuss it with your teacher when they phone.

Teachers will be calling children at least every fortnight.

PE Challenge - every Monday, Miss Stanbury will be posting a PE challenge on twitter. You will be able to see this on the school website.

We are trying to put up a lot more video content than last time as we realise that for a lot of the children, they like to see their teacher or other children and this is what helps them feel less isolated.

Finally....if you are struggling with anything, please pick up the phone and talk to us. If we cannot help, we might know someone who can. These are challenging times for us all and we are all learning as we go.

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Monday 11th January	Tuesday 12th January	Wednesday 13th January	Thursday 14th January	Friday 15th January
Sausages, mashed potatoes and peas with gravy Veggie sausages, mashed potatoes and peas with gravy	Meatballs in tomato sauce and pasta twists , broccoli with garlic bread Macaroni cheese with broccoli and garlic bread	Pepperoni pizza , potato wedges and sweetcorn Margherita pizza, potato wedges and sweetcorn	Roast gammon, roast potatoes , vegetables and gravy Carrot and lentil patties, roast potatoes , vegetables and gravy	Chicken burgers and chips with baked beans Veggie burgers and chips with baked beans
Syrup sponge and custard Or yoghurt	Chocolate fudge cake Or yoghurt	Pear and apple crumble and custard Or yoghurt	Vanilla sponge and custard Or yoghurt	Chocolate brownie or fruit Or yoghurt