



Wensum Junior School - An Evolution Academy Trust School

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Dear parents and carers,

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We hope you all had a lovely Easter and have managed to enjoy some of the lovely weather!

I am writing with a couple of updates for the Summer term, and to ensure that you are aware of the current guidance around living with Covid.

Staffing

Victoria McConnell will be off school for the next four weeks. In her absence, Evolution Academy Trust has secured the services of an interim headteacher to provide additional leadership capacity over this time. This will start from Monday 25th April. I will remain as the school's deputy headteacher, and Aimee Bulman will continue in her role as SENDCO.

Following staffing changes in Basilisk class, we have brought in a full time supply teacher to ensure continuity over the coming half term. Isobel Warren will be supported by Steve, the class teaching assistant, and the rest of the upper phase team.

SATS

SATS return after a two year gap due to Covid. These will take place between the 9th and 12th May. Across four mornings, our Year 6 children will take a number of tests in maths and English. While we want the children to take these tests seriously, we absolutely don't want them to worry about them. We just ask that they do their best. We will make sure that they are prepared and supported throughout. The tests only take place in the mornings so the afternoon sessions will be light duties and a bit of R&R! It will be business as normal for the rest of the school. Further details around arrangements for SATS are attached below. Please note: that there will be no more after-school booster sessions. All revision will take place in school from Monday 25th April.

Covid

The government has set out its next steps for living with Covid and the end of the routine testing in schools, colleges and childcare settings. Click on the link below to review the government's advice about what to do if your child has symptoms: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Your children may now be able to receive their Covid vaccine. Use this link to check eligibility and book: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>



We will continue with our current measures including regular handwashing, additional cleaning and increased ventilation.

If you have any questions or queries about any of the above then please come to speak to me at the school gate. Alternatively, please leave a message for me with the school office and I will get back to you.

We look forward to working with you all over the summer term.

Kind regards,

Pete

Peter Hubery
Deputy Headteacher

SATS - additional information for families

Preparing for SATS

As you know, we teach mixed age classes at Wensum. For the nine days leading up to SATS week we will teach the Year 6 separately as we prepare them for the tests. They will work with Jo Kloss, Sam Naylor and Tash Wilby each morning on targeted maths and English support. In the afternoons they will return to their normal class.

SATS week

Below is the schedule for SATS week. The tests range from 20 to 60 minutes. All resources will be supplied and we will provide them with a snack and drink at the start of the day. All we ask of families is to ensure that the children get a good night's sleep so they are well rested and fresh for the day. While we want the children to take them seriously, we certainly don't want them to worry. All we ask is that they do their best.

Monday 9th May	English Paper 1: GPS English Paper 2: Spelling
Tuesday 10th May	English Paper 3: Reading
Wednesday 11th May	Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic Maths Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 12th May	Maths Paper 3: Reasoning

Post-SATS

In the two weeks after SATS Year 6 will have a focus on their writing ahead of the final teacher assessments.

Any lastly...INTO University, Ks3 transition



Paul Wickens has organised a wonderful opportunity for the Year 6 cohort to work with staff from the university on a series of STEM workshops (Science Technology Engineering, Maths). We will contact you separately with details about this over the coming weeks. We will also be in touch regarding transition to high school.

