

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a new school year, and one like none of us has seen before! It is frustrating working under the current restrictions, but it is wonderful to have the children back in school. Some of the children have come back into school joyously, and others are struggling a little to re-adjust to school, but we will work hard to help them all to feel safe, be happy, enjoy their learning and make good progress.

The updated Risk Assessment for how we are working now is on our website under the Covid-19 tab. Please have a look if you are interested to see how we are working to keep everyone safe.

We are delighted to welcome some new staff to our team. Miss Baker has joined us as the teacher for Goldfinch Class, Mrs Price is teaching Heron Class with Mrs Conroy. We are pleased to welcome to our Teaching Assistant team Mrs Caddick and Mrs Ward in Kingfisher Class, Mrs Patrick in Eagle Class.

As well as our new Reception children that we are looking forward to starting school, we also welcome Maria to Kingfisher Class, Millie to Goldfinch Class, Thomas, Lucia and Claudia to Eagle Class and Oscar to Starling Class. We hope that they will all be very happy at Watermore.

### CO-HEADSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF A NEW HEADTEACHER

As you know, I originally planned to retire this summer, but I am delighted to be staying on until Christmas. I shall be in school three days per week, and I am very grateful to Mr Hotchin for agreeing to work with me in Co-Headship for this period of time. Miss Richards is acting Deputy Head whilst I am not in school and Mrs Powell will be working every day until Christmas. The four of us make up the Senior Leadership Team, and you can contact us at any time if you have any concerns. If you need a quick response, it is best to phone the school or email the office: office@watermoreprimary.org.uk

The Governing Body have short-listed candidates for a new headteacher, and an appointment will be made before the end of September.

Janet Hoyle

### ARRIVAL AND COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL

Thank you so much for your cooperation in arriving at school at your allocated time, and collecting children according to the rota too. Most parents have been most helpful in going along with this request. We need to avoid people waiting in groups outside school, so we please ask you not to arrive before 8.45am - a few families and some unaccompanied children have arrived quite a bit earlier. In the afternoon, the first parents should arrive at 3.05 and the last at 3.20pm. Please do not come before your slot in the afternoon, and do not let your children play on the infant play equipment after school.

Thanks for your cooperation with this.

There are bike sheds in the front playground and scooter parking at the front and (more) on the exit path against the hall wall.

### ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR?

We are able to offer some sessions to parents and Carers who are concerned about their child's behaviour. These will be with our Behaviour Support worker, Vicki Borel. She can offer a listening ear and offer advice tomorrow **Thursday 10th September**. This could be via a telephone call, or you could come to school and meet her either outdoors, or socially distanced indoors, at the following times:

1.15pm	1.45pm
2.15pm	2.45pm

Give us a call to reserve one of these times for a chat with Vicki.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Meat-free</b>	Week commencing: 31 Aug, 21 Sept, 12 Oct, 09 Nov, 30 Nov, 04 Jan, 25 Jan, 22 Feb, 15 Mar			
<b>Main courses</b>	Thick crust pizza with either margherita or vegetable feast topping	Organic beef bolognese with wholemeal pasta Cheese and caramelised onion quiche homemade wedges	Roast Gloucestershire turkey, stuffing and gravy Quorn roast and stuffing	Prime pork sausages with onion gravy Ratatouille crumble	MSC Fish fingers Veggie nuggets
<b>Sides</b>	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Mash potatoes Seasonal vegetables	French fries Garden peas or baked beans
<b>Desserts</b>	Flapjack	Apple pancakes	Apple and blackberry crumble and custard	Victoria sandwich cup cake	Fruit jelly
<b>Week 2</b>		Week commencing: 07 Sept, 28 Sept, 19 Oct, 16 Nov, 07 Dec, 11 Jan, 01 Feb, 01 Mar, 22 Mar			
<b>Main courses</b>	Macaroni cheese and a garlic slice Quorn dog	All day brunch - Gloucestershire pork sausage, bacon Veggie all day brunch with two veggie sausages	Honey roasted gammon with gravy Creamy Quorn and vegetable pie	Chicken pie and gravy Broccoli and cauliflower cheese bake	MSC Battered fish fillet and lemon wedge Southern style Quorn burger
<b>Sides</b>	Seasonal vegetables	Oven cooked hash brown Roasted tomato and beans	Mash potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Mini jacket potatoes Seasonal vegetables	French fries Mushy peas or baked beans
<b>Desserts</b>	Cherry shortbread	Cornflake crunchie	Apple sponge and custard	Fruit jelly	Arctic roll
<b>Week 3</b>		Week commencing: 14 Sept, 05 Oct, 02 Nov, 23 Nov, 14 Dec, 18 Jan, 08 Feb, 08 Mar, 29 Mar			
<b>Main courses</b>	Pizza pasta bake served with garlic flatbread Wholemeal rice Vegetable Biryani	Chicken korma and rice Vegetable lasagne and garlic bread	Roast loin of pork with home-made apple sauce and gravy Roasted vegetable lattica	Homemade beef lasagne Quorn toad in the hole and gravy	MSC Fish fingers Vegetable burger
<b>Sides</b>	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Homemade potato wedges Seasonal vegetables	French fries Garden peas or baked beans Salmon Salad
<b>Desserts</b>	Fresh fruit and ice cream	Oaty apple crumble and custard	Jam sponge and cream	Cocos crunch	Fruity oatmeal cookie



Our 'Little foodies' characters that you'll see on our primary school menus, help younger children have fun at mealtimes and encourage them to eat healthily and engage positively with the food they eat.



All our schools hold the Soil Association 'Food for Life' award, which recognises caterers that serve local, fresh and honest food cooked by chefs who really care about quality ingredients.

Jacket potatoes, salad selection, home made bread, cheese and biscuits, yoghurt, fresh fruit and chilled water available daily

## SNACKS AND WATER

We are not currently selling morning break snacks. Children may bring a healthy snack to school. We prefer this to be fresh fruit or vegetables, but they may also bring a healthy (not sugar laden) cereal bar. Biscuits, crisps etc. should not be brought in.



It is vital that all children have a named water bottle, with a secure top that will not spill is knocked over.

## PE KITS

Your child should come to school on this days in PE kit (including warm layer). You will receive a text to let you know which day of the week your child's class has PE. This might change if the weather is bad.

## DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

By the end of this week you will receive the data collection sheet for your child (with you emergency contacts). It is vital that you send this back with any amendments as soon as possible please.

## HOT MEALS

As we are fortunate to have a large hall with different doorways to enter and exit, we have been delighted to re-introduce hot meals for the children. It is working well for each year group bubble to be sitting separately, with cleaning in between.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Check here to see if your child might qualify for a free school meal:

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=96T2gCAk10A#free>

All infant children receive a free school meal. However, if you are on a low income you should still apply so that the school can claim Pupil Premium. This is extra money paid direct to schools for each child who is eligible for free school meals, due to the household being on a low income. It is used to support your child's education.



<https://www.watermore10k.co.uk/>

Check this site to see how to register for a virtual 5k, 10k or children's race - entries close on 13th Sept

## PARENT LINK / PUPIL COUNCILLOR

Mrs Flint is not currently working in school, but she will call parents to discuss any worries or concerns you have for your child. Please get in touch if you would like to speak to her. One of our TAs, Mrs Macllraith, is working to support children in school during this time.

## COVID SYMPTOMS

The following are recognised symptoms of COVID-19.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

If your child has these recognised symptoms, you must inform the school and then get tested. Please book a free coronavirus (COVID-19) test through the [online booking portal](#). This will then give you a range of testing options available in your local area. These are:

### 1. Test centre

Booking a test at a drive-in test centre is likely to be the fastest way to get a test and the nearest ones in South Gloucestershire are: Bristol (Bristol Airport) or Gloucester (Hempstead Meadow) [online booking portal](#)

### 2. Home test kit

Parents or carers can order a home test kit for their child or young person [online booking portal](#)

3. All schools, including our own have been given a very limited stock of home test kits. These will **only** be issued to parents and carers for a child or young person in exceptional circumstances. If you have access as a parent or carer to the internet at home, it would be expected that you would book a test through the online portal in the first instance please.

We ask that if your child is symptomatic and has a test, if this is negative, you must still notify the school immediately of the outcome. We will then notify Public Health South Gloucestershire to update their records in line with their standard operating procedures.

We ask that if your child is symptomatic and has a test, if this is positive, you must notify the school immediately of the outcome. They will then notify Public Health South Gloucestershire, the Education department of the Council and the regional PHE health protection team to advise anyone who has come into close contact with your child to self-isolate in line with national guidance; this will be managed sensitively.

If there were to be any confirmed case with a child or young person in our school, then our leaders will work with Public Health South Gloucestershire, the Education department of the Council and the regional PHE health protection team to advise anyone who has come into close contact with the confirmed case to self-isolate in line with national guidance.

The school has appointed an Outbreak Management Team (of senior staff and governors) to deal with the situation of a confirmed case in school or a local lock-down.

Please make sure that you keep us informed of all family illnesses, self-isolation and test results, as we have to report on these issues to the Local Authority. This chart should answer most of your questions, but give

## Covid-19 related pupil absence A quick reference guide for parents

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- Get a test</li> <li>- Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative
...my child tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us</li> <li>- Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 10 days</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	...they feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks
...my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact the school to inform us</li> <li>- Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day)</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school</li> <li>- Contact the school to inform us.</li> <li>- Ring on each day of illness</li> </ul>	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. As per attendance policy.
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- Household member to get a test</li> <li>- Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us</li> <li>- Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us</li> <li>- Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days</li> </ul>	.....the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not take unauthorised leave in term time.</li> <li>- Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days from return date</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us</li> <li>- Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</li> </ul>	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and you child can return to school again.
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school</li> <li>- At home support your child with remote education provided by school</li> <li>- Your child will need to isolate for 14 days.</li> </ul>	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.