



# AWLISCOMBE PRIMARY NEWS

Newsletter

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## The next few days ....

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June -
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June -
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Guitar lessons
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Piano lessons  
- Sports Day
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July -

## Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Over the last week we have seen a significant increase in COVID testing amongst our school community. The last four months it has been very quiet, but we have seen a rise in symptoms on both school sites. I would just like to remind you that we still need to adhere to social distancing rules especially around the school entrances. Please do not stop to have catch up conversations. Masks are required for parents if you enter the school grounds. Please use the COVID telephone line when it is out of hours to inform us of anyone in the family going for a PCR test. Families are still required to isolate until the results confirm a negative result. If you are unsure of what the current expectations are around testing, please don't hesitate to call me. I am available most days. Either school can put you through to my office.

Last week I mentioned the need to change parents evening due to the stricter rules around school still being in place. I am sorry we are still struggling to get back to normal, but we are trying. A letter explaining parents evening will be circulated on Monday.

Next week we carry out our sports days but unfortunately without parents this year. We are still excited about it and the children have been eagerly practicing for it.

We had our mini policing presentation today for our year 6 pupils. PC Morris has run a full 6-week workshop for the children, and they had thoroughly loved it. Yesterday they received their certificates celebrating their completion of the course.

Have a good weekend,

*Mrs Hammett*

*Penny*

## Star of the Week - Well Done To.....

<u>Cygnets</u>	Lily	
<u>Swans</u>	Freya	
<u>Robins</u>	Ettie	Finlay
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Sophie	Samuel
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Dorothy	Serena

## Notices to Parents

### 30 hours free childcare autumn term application deadline - 31 August 2021

The next application deadline for 30 hours free childcare is on Tuesday 31st August.

### Traffic lights

From Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June there will be traffic lights outside of school for approx. 4 weeks. Please make sure you allow enough time for this. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Tempest Photographs

If you want to avoid paying postage on the school photographs, you will need to make sure you have ordered online by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### Trophies

It's trophy time again - If you have a trophy at home which was given to your child (Year 6 last year), please can you drop it back into school, thank you.

## Messages sent - via Schoolping

Year 6 HCC transition

Year 3/4 National Aquarium trip

Exmoor Challenge

## Key messages for parents from Devon County Council Public Health Team

### COVID-19 update

As you may have seen in the news, cases of COVID-19 are rising again. Here in Devon we still have lower rates than many parts of the country, but it is expected that Devon's rates will continue to rise as we all start to socialise more. This is starting to be reflected in the rise in positive cases among school age children in the county.

We want to thank parents and carers for all you are doing to help keep school communities safe – and ask everyone to keep going with the 'hands, face, space and fresh air' measures when you and your family are out and about, as well as at school:

- Wash hands frequently
- Use face coverings where required, including school transport, public transport, and indoor public spaces
- Make space – keep your social distance
- Choose to meet outside in the fresh air where possible

Regular testing also helps to stop the spread of the virus – here's a reminder of [what tests are available](#) and when to use them:

### LFD tests (Lateral Flow Device)

- LFD tests can identify people with lots of the virus and who are very infectious. 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading the virus to other people without knowing. **These tests are for people who do not have any symptoms of coronavirus.** They provide quick results within half an hour, so that you can get on with your day if you test negative, remembering to keep following public health guidance. If you test positive, you'll need to arrange a follow-up PCR test (see below). LFD tests are available for all adults and secondary aged pupils to test twice weekly. You can pick them up for free from your local pharmacy, and they are available to [order online for home delivery](#). Assistance with the test is available at any of our Community Testing sites. [You can find details about where our sites are across Devon on our website, devon.cc/flow.](#)

### PCR tests (Polymerase Chain Reaction)

- PCR tests are more sensitive and used to confirm if someone has COVID-19. The result takes longer as it is processed in a lab. **PCR tests are for people with COVID-19 symptoms – high temperature, new and continuous cough, change to usual sense of taste or smell - or for follow up after a positive LFD result.** Close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case can also get a PCR test.

Please remember to report test results on the [national website](#) as well as to the school, this helps us monitor cases and support quick and appropriate action to keep schools operating as normal.

[You can keep up to date with the latest coronavirus news from Devon County Council at devon.cc/covid-19](#)

# Schools' COVID-19 advice to parents and carers - June 2021

Keeping our children, schools and communities safe

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**One in three people who catch coronavirus (COVID-19) don't get any symptoms, so regular testing is vital to help prevent spreading it unknowingly.**

Rapid lateral flow device (LFD) tests are only for people without symptoms and give a quick result in 30 minutes. All adults and secondary/ college pupils should use these tests twice a week.

PCR tests are for people with symptoms. They are processed by a laboratory, with the results usually back the next day. 'Close contacts' of someone with COVID-19 can also get a PCR test, even if they don't have symptoms.

Visit [devon.cc/testing](https://devon.cc/testing) for more information.

- **What if my child tests positive using a LFD home test kit?**
  - keep your child at home, tell school the result and report it via GOV.UK
  - your child and whole household should self-isolate at home immediately
  - get a PCR test within two days to confirm the result
  - they can return to school if the PCR test result (taken within two days of the LFD test) is negative and they have no symptoms
- **What if my child tests positive using a PCR test?**
  - keep your child at home and tell school the result
  - your household must self-isolate for 10 full days after your child's symptoms started or from the day of their test if they had no symptoms
  - they can return to school after 10 full days of self-isolation, provided they feel well and have not had a temperature for 24 hours



**2020/2021 Academic Year**

26<sup>th</sup> June - Exmoor Challenge

1<sup>st</sup> July - Sports Day

12<sup>th</sup> July - Parent's Evening

13<sup>th</sup> July - Parent's Evening

15<sup>th</sup> July - Parent's Evening

21<sup>st</sup> July - End of Year Celebration Assembly

22<sup>nd</sup> July - Leavers Assembly

23<sup>rd</sup> July - Last day of term