



# Newsletter



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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

## Holiday Dates

½ term: Mon.26 – 30/10

School closed: 30/11/20

Christmas last day:  
18/12/20

First day back: 6/1/21

½ term: Mon.15-19/2/21

Easter last day: 1/4/21

First day back: 19/4/21

½ term: Mon.31/5 – 4/6/21

Last day: 23/7/21

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** 15/10/20

### FSM

If your circumstances have changed and you may be eligible for **free school meals** please visit:  
<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/fsm/>

### School / class blogs

Don't forget you can keep up with your child's learning on the school and class blogs:  
<http://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/>



**TO READ EVERY NIGHT**

**C19 update:** I am sure some of you may have heard that there have recently been 2 or 3 positive cases reported in school within Torbay. The schools have worked with the DfE and PHE to respond to these situations but this reminds us how important it is to follow our school procedures to keep everyone safe. We continue to maintain the same organisational procedures that have been in place and ask that everyone in the community continues to follow the government advice. Thank you to everyone your co-operation to date. As always, if you have any questions /ideas please share them with us in relation to keeping safe and the schools risk assessment can be viewed: <https://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/school-information/covid-19/>

### C19 Symptoms: The NHS have identified the symptoms for C19 as:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Should you have any concerns in relation to the symptoms presenting please look at the 'What if guide' that is attached to the email or view: <https://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/school-information/covid-19/>

### C19 Responses you need to know:

- If a member of your household is symptomatic, please contact the school and book a test asap
- Please inform school of the test result asap. Please do this via: [covidtestresults@watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:covidtestresults@watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk). Please write the subject as COVID TEST RESULTS. (This is checked regularly over the weekends).
- Please can you include in the email– if the test is positive: child's name or name of the person tested (& relation to child if appropriate), date and time of onset of symptoms and date last in school.

If the school is informed of a positive test result, then this will immediately be communicated to the Local Authority who will convene a risk assessment meeting within the hour. If this is early in the morning there may be the possibility of a whole / partial school closure on that day while further risk assessments are carried out. We will do our utmost to ensure that all communication is prompt and timely.

**Remote Learning:** Last week I included a lots of information regarding remote learning. Attached is the new policy that outlines the school's procedures and expectations. Should any pupil be away due to C19 related issues, as long as they are well enough, it is really important that they access the on line learning. This will enable them to keep in line with the learning that is happening in school. We are here to support you with this so please ask if you have any questions or issues.



**Attendance:** As we know, attendance is really important at school and will have a direct impact upon how well a child is progressing in their development. I am really pleased to inform you that last week the school attendance was 95% which was 5% higher than the national data for the same period. Well done to everyone for being in school and ready to learn.

**Parking:** Thank you to everyone who has helped to ease the issues related to parking in Moor Lane at school delivery or collection times. We had received concerns over cars blocking driveways of residents and parking in loading areas. I believe that this has eased recently and hope that this can be continued to ensure the safety of the children and their families.



## KEEP SAFE ON LINE

THINK U KNOW: offers advice for all ages and parents / cares:  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

