



# Newsletter



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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

## Holiday Dates

Summer Term Last Day  
16/7/20

First day back: Mon.7/9/20

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

### 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/>

### Acorn Choir:

Wren Music (who support Acorn Choir) have released their 5<sup>th</sup> music video for you & your child(ren) to

enjoy: <https://youtu.be/OY0MhQq4ors>



### Priority Admissions Order Policy:

This new policy has been recently updated by the school governors. It is attached to this email for your information.

**I hope that you and your families are continuing to stay well and keep safe.**

**School in September:** We have been working hard with the governors and the Local Authority to ensure that we will be open for all pupils in September in line with the government guidance so to ensure that risks are minimised for both children and staff. There will be information released next week to inform you of the details and reassure you of the safety measures in place. We very much look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**The full version of gov guidance:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

## SCHOOL CLOSED ON FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JULY

The last day for children to be in school will be Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**Mental Health Questionnaire:** Thank you to everyone who spent time completing the MHST questionnaire recently. This has been really helpful to inform us what information families would like to know in relation to the school opening in September. This information will be published next week once the risk assessments have been fully completed. The information gathered also reflected very positively upon the school and the provisions made during this challenging time. If you would like to see the questionnaire outcomes it can be accessed on the school website:

<https://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/our-curriculum/emotional-well-being/>



**Contacting staff:** During this time of school partial closure families have had access teacher's school email addresses. These have been used sensibly and proved a very useful route of communication. I would just like to remind everyone, that teachers have been asked to only respond to emails during their working day. At times you may receive a response the following day.



**Safeguarding email:** on the weekly online learning information sent home there has been a safeguarding email address published - this will no longer be active from Monday 13/7/20. If you have any concerns regarding a child's safety please use the usual processes; contact a member of staff, contact a Designated Safeguard Lead (Mr. Morris, Miss. Leaman, Mrs. Rowntree or Miss. Chappell) or speak directly to Children Services (01803 208100) or NSPCC: [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) 0808 800 500. **We all have a duty to keep children safe.**

**Government guidance for parents - online harms:** The government has produced a useful webpage listing sources of advice and support for keeping their children safe. The guide includes information about:

- Protect children from domestic abuse
- Teenage relationship abuse
- Child sexual abuse and exploitation
- Sexual assault referral centres
- Crime, Criminal Exploitation and County Lines, violence and gangs
- Prevent & Protect children from radicalisation
- Online child safety
- Mental health

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm/advice-to-parents-and-carers-on-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>

