



Friday 16th July

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of this academic year at Colwich, I wish to take a moment to reflect on the challenging times we have faced this year, as a school and as a community. I could never have envisaged when I took on the post in January, what would follow.

We have seen our school being closed to our children for the first time and only being open to those children in school whose parents or carers are key workers. To then, the school being reopened to certain year groups, whilst maintaining bubbles. We are saddened that we were unable to invite all children to return before the end of term, but we look forward to welcoming them back in September. It has certainly been a difficult term, but we have adapted to these strange times and maintained the welfare of our children and staff, and I thank you all for your part in this.

Not only have we had to adapt in school, but so have you as parents. Thank you so much for playing your part and adapting so well to home-learning and becoming 'teachers' yourselves. We have been so grateful for all the photos and work you have sent in – you have truly done a fantastic job and deserve a well-earned rest over the holidays.

We are really looking forward to next term and having all the children back in school. It won't be the same as it was before COVID-19 but we are working really hard to ensure that all the children feel welcomed and safe.

Autumn Term 2020

It is our intention to open full-time to all children from the first day of term, Thursday 3rd September. Detailed information on our reopening plans can now be found [HERE](#).

Please take the time to read the documents over the holidays. Some are lengthy but they give you all the information that you need to know about how we will be opening in September. Please share the pupil charter with your child/children so they know what is expected of them when they return.

For now, please note the following:

- Attendance will be mandatory
- Entry times will be staggered between 8.40am and 9.00am and exit times staggered between 3.00pm and 3.25pm.
- Children will be in their usual classrooms with their class teachers.
- It would be good if parents could make sure that all children bring their own stationery in a small wipeable container.
- Children should return to school wearing full school uniform (please see the school website).
- Wherever possible P.E. will take place outdoors so all children will need warm clothing, e.g. a tracksuit (ideally blue/black/grey) and trainers in addition to their usual shorts and 'T' shirts.



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Towards the end of holidays, I will post video clips of pick up and drop off procedures on Class Dojo (If you have yet to set up your Class Dojo account, please contact your child's current teacher.)

Due to the current circumstances, please be aware that the guidance and opening date could change. I will be in touch towards the end of the holidays to confirm our plans.

If you do have any queries or concerns, please feel free to get in touch by e-mail/Class Dojo next week or towards the end of the holidays.

Dfe guidance for parents on schools reopening in the autumn can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

Finally

We are on the final day of term, so to those who are ending their association with Colwich I hope very special memories will be taken away. Please stay in touch and let us know how you all get on.

Once more, thank you all for your continuing support and have a happy and safe summer.

Best Wishes

Alison De Ste Croix

Headteacher

<u>TERM DATES SCHOOL YEAR 2019/2020</u>	<u>TERM DATES SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021</u>
<p>Summer Term 2020</p> <p>Term ends: Friday 17th July INSET day: Monday 20th July</p>	<p>Autumn Term 2020</p> <p>INSET day: Tuesday 1st September INSET day: Wednesday 2nd September Term starts: Thursday 3rd September Half term: Mon 26th Oct – Fri 30th Oct INSET day: Monday 2nd November Term ends: Friday 18th December</p> <p>Spring Term 2021</p> <p>INSET day: Monday 4th January Term starts: Tuesday 5th January Half term: Monday 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb 2021 Term ends: Thursday 1st April Easter Sunday: Sunday 4th April 2021</p> <p>Summer Term 2021</p> <p>Term starts: Monday 19th April May Day: Monday 3rd May Half term: Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June INSET day: Monday 7th June Term ends: Wednesday 21st July</p>