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## **Friday 10th July 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to seeing most of the children back in school from Monday onwards. It would be really good if you could share the content of the letter I previously sent to you with your child/children before they come back to school, so they know what to expect. It is really important to stick to the timings and enter via the correct gate (notices will direct you) there will be a member of staff in the car park to help out.

### **What will my child need to wear and bring to school?**

- Your child **should wear a yellow St Joseph's PE top** and **navy shorts or navy sweat pants with trainers**. Your child might need a waterproof coat should the weather change and as the classroom doors and windows will be open at all times a school cardigan or school jumper might be required.
- Children **must only** bring in a water bottle and a lunch box (wipe clean/washable), if they are bringing a packed lunch from home. Fabric lunchboxes **will not** be allowed. Water bottles will be taken home daily for cleaning at home.
- Children must not bring a back pack but they will need an empty plastic bag for their books.
- Children must have sun screen (8/12 Hour) applied daily (they will spend as much time outside as possible).
- Children should wear a sunhat daily (parents are asked that these are wiped clean with a disinfectant wipe daily).

Attached to this e-mail you will also find the arrangements for September, as you can appreciate we have tried hard to remember everything and as usual I cannot say whether or not things might change over the summer. As I have always said we will try and make things as



***"Together we love, together we hope, together we learn."***



safe as possible for you and your child/children. I will place an up to date risk assessment on the web site as soon as it's completed, this will be based on Government guidance.

## Books and resources

Firstly, thank you for all the hard work you have done at home with your children and for the support you have given to school over the last few months.

We are planning for and preparing for September and this includes ensuring we have our resources ready. If you have any school **reading books** or other resources, we would be grateful if they could be brought back when your child comes to school or dropped off during next week if your child is still at home.

There will be a box outside the school main entrance where books and resources can be left. If you have any more valuable items or equipment, they should be returned to the school office.

Thank you again Mr Bath

## French Club

As well as continuing our weekly zoom French clubs, we are now taking bookings for the summer clubs.

**The holiday clubs will be as follows:**

**w/c 20th July - les animaux à la maison - all about pets (bring you pet or cuddly teddy bear to French club)**

**w/c 27th July - travelling to and sightseeing in Paris**

**w/c 24 August - J'ai du Talent - Music - instruments and types and ending with a musical talent show.**

Each morning we'll have a 45 minute French club and I will send an email with activity sheets for each day and recipe suggestions. I will post a craft kit to each child to do in that week as well. The cost is £25. Depending on numbers, I will split the groups per age group. At Easter, I had preschool/reception; years 1 & 2; KS2 - allowing for siblings to be in the same group if they preferred.

Bookings are now open for this so please do let me know if you'd be interested and of course do spread the word to your friends far and wide - I love that we have children from all over Great Britain and beyond in our zoom clubs!

If you would like to register your interest for the term time French club or our summer holiday clubs, please do email me on [ak@clubs4kids.com](mailto:ak@clubs4kids.com) or telephone 07375306881. French club updates, photos and stories are on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/clubs4kids](https://www.facebook.com/clubs4kids)

Very best wishes and if I'm not in touch with you, have a wonderful summer.

Anna-Kate

**7<sup>th</sup> July - IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ – RNLI WATER SAFETY**

Dear Parents & Guardians



We hope that you are keeping safe and well during these unprecedented times.

With the ease of the lockdown and more restrictions being lifted by our UK Government we want to take this opportunity to let you know that our RNLI volunteers have been made aware of increased number of incidents, involving our young people in our community, 'swimming' in their friendship groups on our coast and in the marina. Local Police, HM Coastguards, North Somerset Council and Portishead Marina, are increasingly worried about this and we are writing to you all to warn you of the real dangers involved with these activities.

The water temperature this time of year, despite the recent lovely weather, is still only 12 degrees and although the sea and the Marina seem very inviting, this can cause your body to go in to 'cold water shock' and leave you gasping uncontrollably for breath, causing you to drown. Cold water shock causes many deaths every year, both on our coast and inland waters and we urge you to explain to your young people how to float to live.

This is how to #FloatToLive:

- Lean back, extend your arms and legs.
- If you need to, gently move your arms and legs to help you float.
- Float until you can control your breathing.
- Only then will you be able to call for help or swim to safety.

You can watch a video on our website on this link: <https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources/videos>

Our coast, Marina, local rivers and streams can be used safely but only when there are organised events with the appropriate support and supervision.

Tombstoning from Portishead Pier and jumping in the Marina are activities which are extremely dangerous. The depth of water may hide unknown hazards under the surface which could lead to serious injury and drowning. The tide is very strong on our coast, particularly around the pier, and can soon take you in to the very deep and busy shipping channel. Swimming in the Marina is prohibited, and we would therefore urge you to discourage your children from doing so.

The deep sinking mud is another hazard on our coast locally, making it very difficult to free yourself. Having the second highest tidal range in the world here in Portishead, the water can rise and fall up to 15 metres every 6 hours. The tide moves in and out very quickly.

The RNLI volunteer crews at Portishead and Weston-Super-Mare are here to save lives at sea along the coastline of North Somerset, but there are NO LIFEGUARDS on our coast or in the Marina. Anyone entering the water for any reason, does so at increased risk.

Normally at this time of year, our local RNLI Education Volunteers would be visiting schools or hosting visits at our lifeboat station and would be presenting beach and water safety advice to the young students. Unfortunately, because of the current pandemic, they are currently unable to do this. May I therefore take this opportunity to urge you all to inform your young people of the dangers on our coast and at the Marina and take extra care when visiting any of the UK's beaches this year. We urge you to try to use a beach that is patrolled by our RNLI lifeguards and to research the weather and tides before you go for your day out. Your nearest RNLI lifeguarded beach is *Burnham on Sea*.

A lot more information can be found on our website, [RNLI.org](https://rnli.org) and we advise you to take a few minutes to look at the safety advice available. There is also a large amount of 'education material' that your young people might find interesting and we would recommend that you bring this to their attention, where appropriate. Please also feel free to email our Education Organiser, Geoff Vian at [portishead@rnli.org.uk](mailto:portishead@rnli.org.uk), if you would like further advice.

Please help us to inform your child of the risks associated with the water and to keep them safe. Thank you for taking the time to read this message. We would like to thank the schools of Portishead for supporting us to circulate this important safety advice.

Please take care and keep safe. Do come and see us at our lifeboat station, once we are able to reopen to the public.

With best wishes,

*Dave Slack* Lifeboat Operations Manager, RNLI Portishead  
#SavingLivesAtSea #RespectTheWater #BeBeachSafe #FloatToLive

### **Uniform Information**

Please visit the web site for up to date uniform information. School Togs are open for business and you



can buy ties and all logo uniform there. They have a dedicated phone line so you don't even need to visit the shop.

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2, Clevedon walk, Crown Glass Shopping Centre

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Website: [www.schooltogsnailsea.co.uk](http://www.schooltogsnailsea.co.uk)

### **Safeguarding**

The latest Government advice to parents and carers on keeping children safe from abuse and harm can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-childrensafe-from-abuse-and-harm>

### **Free school meals**

If you have not done so and you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please follow the link below to find out. Several parents have come back to us with news that they are eligible, which is great news, as they will be entitled to school meal vouchers over the holidays. All you will need is your name, address, e mail address and national insurance number.

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/schoolmeals/freeschoolmeals/>

If you are successful you will need to provide the office with a copy of the e mail.

### **School web site**

You will find extra resources for home schooling and prayer, please go to parents/covid 19. You will also find the term dates and INSET days for the next academic year under parents/term dates

The telephone in the office is being monitored every morning, I would still recommend if you have any queries or you need help for any reason, please e mail the office rather than phone. Please be aware that at this present time parents **should not** come into the school foyer unless there is an emergency.

It has been an extraordinary time and thank you again for all your support for the school and your children.

God Bless  
Mrs Jackson

