



# FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Carers,

**School Jotter** – We are delighted that our new online learning portal, School Jotter, is proving popular with both pupils and families alike! A video on how to download the app and access the learning content has been posted on our websites and Facebook pages. For those of you who haven't yet logged on, we hope this video will help. The app really is easy to use!

There are learning opportunities already available on School Jotter in the Enrichment and Phonics sections. We will continue to add learning materials as they are produced. Don't forget, even if your child is still in school at this time, it is always useful for your child to log in and use "Jotter" to enhance their learning.

If you have mislaid your login or have any trouble accessing School Jotter, please contact Shelby Main at Bidwell Brook (email: [smain@bidwellbrook.devon.sch.uk](mailto:smain@bidwellbrook.devon.sch.uk)). Thank you.

**Covid-19** - Please continue to use the [covid19@learntolivefederation.co.uk](mailto:covid19@learntolivefederation.co.uk) email address to inform us of any updates or results of tests. This inbox is monitored throughout the day and also over weekends.

**Vaccinations** – To help prioritise your family to receive a Covid-19 vaccination, we have been informed you should speak to your GP and ensure your patient records state you are a parent/carer of a child with additional needs, especially if your child is classed as extremely clinically vulnerable. You may be eligible to be included in 'Group One' alongside NHS/paid carers when it comes to prioritising receiving the vaccine.

**Parents' Evening** – You will have received a letter offering an opportunity to meet with your teacher next week for a 15 minute parents' evening. Please complete your preferred date/time and return the slip in your child's home:school diary or via email if your child is not currently at school. Your teacher will confirm your appointment with you. As well as reviewing your child's progress, it may also be beneficial for you and your teacher to take a look at School Jotter together?

**Contacting Teachers** – For those pupils who are learning from home, your teacher will continue to make contact with you at least once a week. Contact will be made via a phone call or email, but due to an updated safeguarding policy, the teachers will not be contacting individual students at home via video conferencing eg via Teams or Skype. If you need to contact your teacher, the best way to do so is via email. Teachers may not respond out of working hours (working hours being 8.30 am - 5.30 pm Monday to Friday term time only), and we would ask you not to contact them over the weekend. Please respect that our hard-working teachers also have families of their own to look after. Thank you.

Finally, I would like to thank families for their continued support with regards the early finish to the school day on a Friday. We are continuing to test our staff weekly with the lateral flow tests and this is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

Enjoy a quiet weekend, stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jacqui Warne'.

Jacqui Warne - Executive Head