



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

23rd April 2021

PUSHED FOR TIME? QUICK SUMMARY:

- Welcome Back!
- Please apply suncream to your child before they leave home, pop a bottle of suncream in their bag for top-ups during the day and provide a named water bottle.
- Lateral Flow Test Kits are available for families – follow the link to find out more/get a kit.
- “The Big Ask” is a national survey which has been sent out from the Children’s Commissioner for England. Click the link to ask your child some questions. Thank you.
- The “Improving Access to Communication Services and Support” (IACSS) Team have lots of information available for parents who are expecting a baby right through to 5 year olds. There is a web page with lots of resources, or click on the Facebook links.

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term - I hope you enjoyed the Easter break. Students have settled well into their first week back and with warmer weather, we will be able to start enjoying the great outdoors as the country hopefully progresses out of lockdown. In the meantime, all our schools will continue to work within “bubbles”, with staff adhering to our Covid-19 risk assessment. Over the coming few weeks, staff are scheduled to receive their second Covid-19 vaccination which is good news for everyone.

As the weather has improved recently, please remember to apply suncream to your child before leaving home, pop a bottle of suncream in their bag for staff to re-apply during the day as required, and provide a named water bottle. Thank you.

Lateral Flow Test Kits for Families – The Government has confirmed that families who have students at our school can also get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees;
- at a local test site or pharmacy;
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site;
- by ordering a home test kit online.

The link below provides further details:

[Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools, nurseries and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/households-and-bubbles-of-pupils-students-and-staff-of-schools-nurseries-and-colleges-get-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

National Survey - Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children’s Commissioner for England, has launched a survey called “The Big Ask” for all children in England. The questions are designed to ask students what their current concerns are and aspirations for the future. This will influence the Government Children’s Commissioner. The link to the survey is now live:

<http://thebigask.uk/>

The results from this survey will help identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. On behalf of Rachel de Souza, thank you in advance for helping put children and young people at the heart of the country's plans to rebuild for the future.

#DevonspeaksupforSLCN – The Improving Access to Communication Services and Support (ICASS) programme is very excited to announce a new fantastic resource aimed at parents, carers and professionals of children from antenatal-5 years.

As part of the 'Let's Get Chatting' campaign, this group which involves parents and carers have developed a central resource that contains national and local information about speech, language and communication development from bump to 5 years old as well as providing a number of top tips on how best to support.

It is free and very accessible and can be found at: <https://padlet.com/togetherfordevonantenatalto5>

Below are a couple of links to their Facebook page – one is relevant for expectant parents and the other for younger children.


<https://www.facebook.com/cfhdpreschoolslt/posts/266216791862813>

<https://www.facebook.com/cfhdpreschoolslt/posts/266781101806382>

Let's Get Chatting
from bump
to baby

Notice how your baby responds...
to light,
to sounds,
to voices,
to music...

Find out more about how you can support your baby's communication by scanning the QR code



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#letsgetchattingdevon

The poster features a blue background with white and yellow text. On the right, there is a photograph of a pregnant woman's belly. A QR code is located in the bottom right quadrant.

Let's Get Chatting
for 0-2 years

Notice how your baby communicates...
using their fingers
to point,
using their eyes
to show you,
using their voice
to make sounds and
words...

Find out more about how you can support your child's communication by scanning the QR code



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Enjoy your weekend!

Kind regards,

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