



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Monday 3rd July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Headteacher's Update 3rd July 2023

Welcome to July! I can't believe we only have 15 school days left until the end of this academic year. The key word for this week is "Transition."

We're looking to end the year well - as we complete end-of-year-assessments, begin to set aside clothing and equipment ready for the Activities Week, and look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 to Wadham School on Transition Day this Wednesday. And let's not forget about Sports Day!

Information this week is both a final reminder of the forthcoming strike days, along with guidance on managing absence when children and adults test positive for Covid-19.

It's also an opportunity to remind ourselves that change can be daunting. We're about to welcome 160 new families to our community and I know that everyone here will give of their best in supporting students as they transition to Wadham. We are an inclusive school, very much aligned under the Christian ethos and values of being a Church of England School.

The Church of England's vision for education promotes wisdom, hope, dignity and respect; it is an inclusive vision that recognises and respects diversity and difference. It speaks of reflecting the love of God, love for us as individuals, love for us in community – with one another and with God as part of this amazing world.

In the Bible we read, *'This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us... My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other... if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us.'*

As we look forward to growing in number and welcoming new families to our community, let's remember that kindness costs nothing, and can mean the world to someone else.

Dear God,

Help me to be warm to others, to reflect your love, to show that being warm is cool

Help me to notice others, to respond with love and kindness

Thank you that you show us your love

Thank you for the example of Jesus, his warmth and his love

Amen

As ever, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas
Headteacher



Top Achieving Students!

Well done to everyone mentioned below. Although the end of term is fast approaching, there is still time to rack up some points and get your name in the top 3! *Go for it!*

Week Beginning 26th June

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1	Teegan M	Georgina H Duncan K	Ellie J Sophie L	Lauren C
2	Lewis L	Millie D Casey W	Lottie D	Samuel S
3	Rita B Katie E Bethany L	Lewis T	Mollie B	Eliza G

Strike Action - Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July.

A reminder that the school will be open for Year 10 and 12 only, with students in Years 7-9 completing online work at home, set through the Oak National Academy. Any student unable to access online learning can collect a work-pack from the Pastoral Hub at break and lunch from Monday 3rd July.

Full details of these arrangements can be found on our website and are linked below:

Partial Closure 05.07 and 07.07.23 – Letter to Parents:
[432FA33AA62E348916454DE7A883D535.pdf \(wadhamschool.co.uk\)](https://www.wadhamschool.co.uk/432FA33AA62E348916454DE7A883D535.pdf)

Years 7-9 Home Learning 05.07 and 07.07.23:
[73D2F692C8E7E2526F88E6AB90B84924.pdf \(wadhamschool.co.uk\)](https://www.wadhamschool.co.uk/73D2F692C8E7E2526F88E6AB90B84924.pdf)

Managing Student Absence / Confirmed Cases of Covid-19

Several students and two staff have tested positive for Covid-19 in the last week. We have contacted Public Health England to seek advice and guidance regarding measures in place, and they have shared the following which parents may find useful when determining how to manage absence:

1	Advice for people with symptoms of Acute Respiratory Infection <ul style="list-style-type: none">Children with mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough who are otherwise well can continue to attend the setting as usual.People who are unwell, including people with a temperature, should stay at home and avoid contact with others until they have recovered. They can return to your setting once they no longer have a temperature (without medication) and are well enough to do so. There is no need to take a test (unless recommended by a medical professional) and no need to stay at home for a set duration of time.
2	Advice for people who have tested positive for Covid-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Children and young people who have a positive test for Covid-19 should stay away from the setting for 3 days after they took their test. If they have symptoms, or subsequently develop symptoms, they should also follow the advice for people with symptoms above.Staff who have a positive test for Covid-19 should stay away from the setting for 5 days after they took their test. If they have symptoms, or subsequently develop symptoms, they should also follow the advice for people with symptoms above.It is not recommended that people need a negative LFD test before returning to their setting.