

Reckleford School & Nursery

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Newsletter 4

MARCH 21 LOCKDOWN 3



Welcome to the March newsletter!

A year on from the start of the first lockdown we can reflect on a challenging and difficult time for everyone but one through which the school and nursery have remained open, supporting our families and keeping our community safe.

SCHOOL FULL OPENING

It has been wonderful to welcome back all the children. They have settled back into the routines extremely well and staff have worked incredibly hard to re-engage everyone with their learning. Assessments will happen again next week so that planning, grouping and targets will be ready and ambitious for the Summer Term.

PARENT – TEACHER MEETINGS

We will be holding meetings in the summer term, however we will not take any risks and will hold meetings in warmer weather when rooms can be fully ventilated or we can be outdoors!

COVID SAFETY & VACCINATIONS

We continue to work tirelessly to ensure that every room, tabletop, chair, door sink & toilet remain germ-free every day.

The children are remembering the rules and procedures and really take responsibility to help make Reckleford as Covid-secure as possible.

It is an enormous disappointment to me that many of our staff remain unvaccinated. Outbreaks are still happening in our local schools, staff are becoming unwell and learning is being disrupted.

A big thankyou to all parents for following the rules at drop-off and pick-up times and for keeping your children at home when they are unwell.

TESCO FOOD VOUCHERS

These vouchers will be issued for the 2 week Easter break to those families who qualify for Pupil Premium funding.

Please let us know if your circumstances change. If you lose income you may be entitled to PP support.

TESTS & ISOLATION

ADVICE AROUND TESTING REMAINS THE SAME – if you or someone in your household develops a temperature OR a cough OR has a change in their taste and smell then your household must stay at home and the person with symptoms **MUST be tested. Please be aware that even mild 'cold-like' symptoms in children may be Covid. If you are unable to get to a testing station then we have some test kits so please do ask.**

Changes to the Test and Trace support payment for parents

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a [Test and Trace Support Payment](#) or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria.

Parents and carers should apply to their South Somerset District Council to receive a payment. To be eligible applicants must meet all of the criteria that:

- they are the parent or guardian of a child or young person in the same household and need to take time off work to care for them while they self-isolate. This is limited to one parent or guardian per household for the child or young person's self-isolation period
- they are employed or self-employed
- they cannot work from home while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result
- they meet all the other means-tested eligibility criteria for a Test and Trace Support Payment or locally determined criteria for a discretionary payment

Contact:

<https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/life-events/coronavirus-support/covid-19-test-trace-support-payment/>

ROAD MAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN

The Government has set out some key dates that will gradually bring us all out of Lockdown.

Please adhere to all guidance in order to keep our community safe and protect the NHS.

29TH March:

- **Outdoor gatherings of either six people or two households** will be allowed. It is understood this will include gatherings in private gardens. Travel beyond local area.

12th April:

- **Non-essential retail opens, hairdressers and some public buildings like libraries**
- **Outdoor settings like alcohol takeaways, beer gardens, zoos and theme parks**
- **Indoor leisure like swimming pools and gyms**
- **Self-contained holiday accommodation, such as self-catering lets and camp sites**

17th May

- **6 people or two households can meet INDOORS**

TEST AND TRACE AT EASTER

Please remember that families who have been attending school and nursery **MUST** inform us during the first week of the Easter holiday if any family member tests positive for Covid. We will work with PHE to contact and inform families and staff should they need to isolate.

PLEASE CONTACT US VIA THE SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS recklefordschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk

RED NOSE DAY

Many thanks for your support on RND. We raised £75.00!

Even in these difficult times it is still important for the children to understand that, together, we can make a difference!

SAFEGUARDING – THE END OF THE DAY

Please ensure your child walks with you when you pick them up. Cars will be using the site and it is never safe to allow children to run into the carpark.

I must remind you that The Magna Housing Carpark and grass bank are Private Property. You can be fined for parking there and you should not allow your children onto the banks. Many thanks.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Please see the poster below from SSDC – free activities to download!!

The poster features a large pink splat in the center with the text 'FREE EASTER ACTIVITY PACK' in white and yellow. It is decorated with colorful Easter eggs and a white rabbit. At the top, a blue banner says 'School's Out'. Below the splat, a blue box contains the text: 'Free online activity pack to entertain your children this Easter with bakes, crafts and family activities.' A pink box below that says 'Download now at www.southsomerset.gov.uk/childrensactivities'. At the bottom, there are logos for the South Somerset District Council and the Abri Locality Team.

And finally...



Confidential help and advice for parents and carers of 0-4 years or 5-19 years. A safe and easy way to contact your Health Visiting Team . Just send a text. 07480 635514 (0-4s) or 07480 635515 (5-19)

For more details about the school please visit our **NEW** website :

www.reckleford.somerset.sch.uk.

KEY DATES

EASTER HOLIDAY	Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April
SUMMER TERM	Monday 19th April – Friday 23rd July
HALF-TERM BREAK	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

'Where every child feels safe and inspired to learn and find out what their best can be - now and in the future.'

Reckleford School & Nursery ethos

