

**Following the outbreak of COVID-19 in March 2020, weekly newsletters were replaced with ongoing ClassDojo messages sent directly to parents. Many communications were sent to parents from teachers, but whole school messages have been copied here for information:**

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Please find attached information from our school partner, Colchester United, detailing summer holiday sessions that they will be running.

If you are interested in the football or PE sessions on offer, please use the links in the attached to book direct with Colchester United.

Mr Ashley.

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Please see link below which will be where the live 'Diocesan Leavers Service' will be from 10am on Wednesday morning.

<https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdbe.org.uk%2Fschoools%2Fcollective-worship%2Fleavers-service-2020&data=02%7C01%7CDiane.Zinzan%40rolph.essex.sch.uk%7Cd8580d5246774f7b969008d8218a3111%7C29804306e1714881bd690828fad65695%7C0%7C0%7C637296224702458873&sdata=fzO%2Fqjsj%2BSB9yYTqeAXtX%2B8C8V3BinImPzQ7znO0w4s%3D&reserved=0>

Good afternoon,

I hope this message finds you well and it is accessible to you all. This is a link to the Leavers Service mentioned above. Live at 10am on Wednesday this week.

Thanks

Mrs Zinzan

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Further to my message on Friday in regard to the expected return of all pupils to school in September, I have attached the link to the parent and carers guide for your information. This has been produced by the government to aid your understanding of the next steps to be taken in schools.

As I said on Friday, I shall be completing all the necessary plans and risk assessments and will communicate these to you as soon as possible, but some of the actions are outlined in the attached document, which will give you an initial idea of what school may look like when we return after the summer holidays.

The guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Best wishes,

Mr Ashley.

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Good afternoon,

If you have a child who is in violet group (key workers) could you make sure that your child comes in with at least a cardigan/jumper if not a coat everyday please, even if it is sunny in the morning. We've had quite a few deceptive days recently where it's started of sunny and then got quite windy or even rainy and we've ended up with chilly children!

Thanks in advance, Miss Dulieu

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<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/summer-of-kindness-calendar>

Good afternoon everyone,

I have attached a link to the British Red Cross website. It is an opportunity for you to register for a free 'Summer of Kindness' pack. All you need to do is click where it says 'Get your kindness calendar' and register your details. It's quick and simple to do (I've just done it for myself, so I can complete this with my children) and they provide small activities that you could use over the summer holidays.

Thanks  
Mrs Zinzan

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the risk assessment and Organisational Plan for the return of all the children in September, I am currently reviewing whether or not we will be in a position to offer Breakfast Club, and if we are, what this might look like in light of the need to keep children from

different year groups separated.

Could I therefore please ask that if you feel you would like to use the Breakfast Club facility from September, that you let me know by Friday lunchtime via a Dojo message or an email to [admin@rolph.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rolph.essex.sch.uk) confirming names and year groups. It would also be very useful if you could state whether this would be a necessity for you, or a 'nice to have'.

Many thanks for your help.

Mr Ashley.

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Dear Parents,

Unfortunately, the Risk Assessment and Organisational Plan for September will not be ready until the middle of next week at the earliest. I appreciate that many of you will be wanting to know your child's teacher for next year and I am therefore outlining this information below. I will hopefully then follow this message up with a short video for each year group from their new teacher(s) - technology willing!

I am very pleased to be able to confirm that from September the school will have a new Deputy Headteacher. As we were not able to recruit during the COVID-19 epidemic, the Vine Schools Trust have kindly agreed to second Ms Bickersteth full-time to Rolph for the 2020/21 academic year. She is a very experienced teacher and leader and I am very much looking forward to working with her. She will be undertaking Deputy Head responsibilities each week Monday to Wednesday, and will then teach in Year 4 on a Thursday and Friday, as part of a jobshare with Mrs Fuller, who will be returning from maternity leave. Further to this I am very pleased to confirm that Miss Croucher has agreed to stay with us for the next academic year too.

The teaching staff from September will be:

Year R - Miss Travers (Mon-Thu) / Mrs Scott (Fri)  
Year 1 - Miss Croucher  
Year 2 - Miss Gray  
Year 3 - Miss Dulieu  
Year 4 - Mrs Fuller (Mon-Wed) / Ms Bickersteth (Thu/Fri)  
Year 5 - Mr Clohosy  
Year 6 - Mrs Zinzan (Mon-Thu) / Miss Triffitt (Fri)

As I said above, I will communicate the full expectations for September to you next week, but I can confirm that these will follow the government guidance for all children being expected to return to school, with each class being in a 'bubble'. Each bubble will then have staggered arrival, break, lunch and departure times, and will not be able to mix with any other bubbles.

Further to those who have responded to my message about Breakfast Club, I can confirm that I hope to open this from September too, although it is unlikely to be available for the first two days back, but I shall confirm this next week.

In the meantime, I wish you a lovely weekend and remind you to please share the videos from your child's new class teacher with them.

Best wishes,

Mr Ashley.

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Apologies to anyone struggling to open videos - due to Dojo restrictions I have had to put them into PowerPoint presentations, but it would appear that some links aren't then working for some.

I shall arrange for teachers to send an alternative introductory video next week.

Mr Ashley.