



Dear Parents and Pupils,



A BIG welcome back to all our Primary School pupils. The school now feels complete. We missed you terribly and seeing your excitement and watching the enthusiasm from each of you, brings back a feeling of great joy.



FAREWELL MRS PRICE

It is with sadness we say goodbye to Mrs Price as she wends her way into the future. We wish her all the very best in her endeavours.

WELCOME MRS CAINE

We welcome Mrs Caine to our staff. We are very excited to have Mrs Caine onboard as she brings her extensive knowledge and Computer skills to Wendon. Mrs Caine will be our Grade 9 register teacher and Computer teacher.

THANK YOU

Thank you parents for cooperating with Wendon over the lockdown period. The teachers spent countless hours putting notes and worksheets together for your children which were downloaded onto the Wendon Website. The Teachers cannot thank you enough for going that extra mile in keeping your child up to date. Thank you for responding with photographs, phone calls, text messages and interacting with us over this period. It was lovely to see the children doing all sorts of activities and we do hope that you went onto the website to see the video that was put together for the family to enjoy. Well done parents for being so encouraging, I am sure it was not always a bed of roses for you over 9 weeks of lockdown.

Please can we ask that all the worksheets be returned to school, even if your child did not manage to complete them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Wendon Teachers and Staff for stepping up and working together as an amazing team when it was needed, I so appreciate all your hard work.

Mrs Lockyer, thank you for being my right hand. You were harassed by me and again I thank you for your calmness and keeping a sense of humour.

Parents, you can be so proud of how well your children have integrated back into the school routine. Yes, they are quieter, but not surprising when it appears that their mouth has been closed with a mask. The chatter will come back in force, so be prepared.

Well done parents, we are noticing how you have worked with your children in preparing them for their return to school and the changes they will experience. We are so blessed and grateful in having a small school where the necessary steps taken to allow for health and safety, are manageable.

So what are our challenges; - the lack of social interaction is so evident.

There is an element of grief that your children will experience due to the loss of connection with their family members at home, friends and social distancing of Teachers when in class. To top this; not being able to participate in sport and events which does result in the loss of opportunities. We are continually questioned about our concert, fashion show, the boat trip for Grade 12 and our Prize Giving.

Parents you need to share your own challenges you experience with the changes in routine and how you are adjusting daily. This could allow your child to open up to you and discuss their fears. Keep in contact with Grandparents and friends which will help manage their stress levels and feelings of isolation from others. Please take your child's anxiety seriously by not minimizing their feelings. Just by taking time to hear them will make a huge difference to their daily experiences.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We will look into this at a later date but not forgotten.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND SCHOOL TIMETABLE

As soon as the Government opens up new levels we will look at events only if possible as well as notifying all the families on the term dates for the balance of the year.

The Prize Giving Award evening appears to be the biggest concern for our High School. We will do everything in our power to recognize each young person at Wendon at the end of the year.

SCHOOL HOURS:

School hours are as follows for ALL our children:-

Primary School	Monday – Thursday	07h45 – 13h20
	Friday	07h45 – 12h10
High School	Monday – Thursday	07h45 – 13h30
	Friday	07h45 – 12h10



**No children will be allowed to leave the classroom on Friday before 12h10.
No aftercare facilities are available at Wendon.**



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - "THE EAGLE'S NEST"

Just a reminder that our weekly "The Eagle's Nest" Newsletter is now emailed to each family.

Take care, remain healthy and stay safe.

Have a wonderful week.

Kind regards

Mrs Wendy Hicks
Managing Director

*"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along." -
Eleanor Roosevelt*