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Dear Parents/Carers

The past fortnight has gone really well with school reopening for a limited number of children from priority groups. Firstly, I want to thank all the staff for working exceptionally hard to make this happen. It has been an uncertain time and the planning and preparation to make the site safe has been extensive – thank you for all your hard work! The returning pupils have settled in well and adjusted to the new system and safety control measures. They are enjoying the smaller groups and new structure to the day. I must say, we are all super proud of how they have coped with the changes. Just so that you are kept informed, under the current guidelines, we are now at full capacity with 12 pupils split across 2 classrooms. Should government guidelines change in the near future we can rethink our capacity at Boasley Cross.

Safeguarding

Babcock LDP have created this webpage to help support schools, settings, parents/carers and pupils during the coming weeks. The site contributes information, guidance, useful links and teaching resources to use with all pupils, pupils with a SEND and pupils for whom English is an additional language:

<https://www.babcockldp.co.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-support-for-schools-parents-and-pupils>

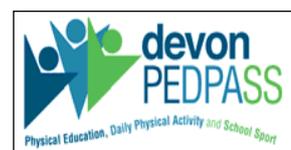
Think U Know have created videos to support parents during Covid-19 and the closure of schools to many children. You can find the videos here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Supporttools/presentations-for-parents/>

The recent video explores why children and young people like to share images, the risks and what you can do as a parent or carer to help maintain their safety.

Devon Family Advice Line: ECI have launched a new phone advice line for parents and carers across Devon on Monday 1st June. The number for the new service is **01392 949059** and it will be manned from 10 – 2pm Monday to Friday. People will be able to leave a message outside of these hours, or when the operators are all busy.

It will offer advice on a specific issue around their children and their family relationships, including any communication issues or conflict they are having with their partners or co-parents of their children. It is not meant to be a replacement for more targeted work, but just a way to offer people a place to be heard and a few tips on how to deal with a particular situation or to signpost them to an organisation which may be able to help them. **Please pass on this number to anyone who might find it useful.**



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Class Dojo usage

Class Dojo is our preferred online learning platform where we have set up your classroom community ready for remote/home learning. It is an excellent way to stay in touch with staff and to share and celebrate pupil learning. Classes can be shared with other teachers in the school and school leaders so that learning can be shared.

Usage information as well as the Class Dojo Privacy Policy have now been added to our website, including information on the Class Story, Portfolios and Messaging. This information can be found on the Parents section of the website. I hope that you find it useful.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy weekend ahead.

Kind regards

Deirdre Petersen

Message from Alex Rogo, Music Tutor -

"I am aware that due to the ongoing social distancing regulations I am unable to conduct music lessons on the school premises. However, I have been conducting online video lessons since the beginning of lockdown with great success and if any pupils would be interested in tuition, then this may be an option. I look forward to commencing usual tuition in school when the time is right."

Alex can be contacted through his email address: alexrogo@hotmail.co.uk or by calling his mobile number on: 07565951786

