

Thursday 16th July 2020

Dear parents and carers,

With the summer holidays approaching, I wanted to give a bit more information that will help you and your children prepare for starting at Connaught Junior School in September.

September 2020

When our new school year begins, we are planning to welcome all of our children full time from Wednesday 2nd September. Our leadership team are currently planning exactly how this will look, ensuring that we are keeping our children and staff safe at all times. Some of the things we are considering are: having primary year group bubbles and secondary class bubbles; limiting movement around the school; limiting the movement of adults between different bubbles; staggering start/finish times, breaktimes and lunchtimes for each year group; and limiting visitors into the school building.

Transition Day

We think it would be extremely beneficial for the new children to visit the school before term begins on 2nd September and so would like to invite your child in for a two hour visit on Friday 28th August to meet their new teacher and to see their classroom. We will be sending out a separate communication nearer the time with more details about the visit.

Activities for the summer holidays

We are very aware that for some, the summer holidays seem a long time to keep children entertained. With this in mind, we have created some 'summer activities' videos for our children to dip in and out of if they wish. The summer activities include:

- **Connaught Careers** – Our teachers have created a number of videos that enable children to learn new skills and pastimes such as rugby, card games and photography. Each Connaught Careers video contains 5 activity sessions on the topic for your child to enjoy.
- **Maths** – We have uploaded some of our home learning maths videos used by our children during the school closure. Your child might like to try the Year 3 lessons narrated by our very own Miss Parkinson.
- **ERIC** – There are a series of ERIC (reading comprehension) lessons that have been designed to link to a child's own reading book where they simply read a few pages of their own book and then complete an activity.
- **Captain Activities** – Our year 6 house captains have been working hard to create some activities that can be enjoyed by children of all ages.

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These videos will be found on the **Home Learning** section of our website. Hopefully your child will find these activities enjoyable and they will help to make them feel a part of our school community.

Support materials

At the start of lockdown, we set up a 'Support and Well-being' section under the Home Learning tab on the school website. There you can find lots of resources to support your child and your family, including slides on managing anxiety, supporting children with SEND, mindfulness activities, and advice from CAMHS (child and adolescent mental health service) about returning to school. There are also a number of bulletin-type newsletters from Mrs Littlewood with further links, tips and strategies. As new members of our school community, we hope these resources can be of benefit to you.

Medication

If your child has any significant health concerns, conditions or allergies, could you please make an appointment with our deputy headteacher, Mrs Saunders, before your child starts with us so that we can write a care plan for your child.

Transition videos

Over the summer holidays, please encourage your child to re-watch the Welcome to Connaught video on the school website and the video from your child's class teacher welcoming them to their class. The videos from the teachers are not publicly available on YouTube so you will need to follow the link in the letter to view these.

Enquiries

The transition@ email address will not be monitored during the summer holidays so if you have any urgent enquiries, please can you direct them to our main school email address school@cjs.tamat.org.uk

I hope that you all have an enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing your children in August.

Yours faithfully,
Mr Stevens
Head of Year 3

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