

Lessons from Lockdown

This year has been a year like no other. As a school, we were forced to make numerous changes to the school day and school life. However, before we can (hopefully) revert back to 'normal' in September, we are interested in your views.

Please carefully consider what aspects of this year you would like to KEEP, keep but CHANGE, or BIN completely! Examples may include: staggered drop-off and collection times, the one-way system, PE days/kits, parent meetings via telephone or meetings on Zoom, homework (keep the old way i.e. back to books or use Teams and other digital resources) etc.

If possible, please outline your reasons why or outline any potential tweaks necessary to make the change work better.

Please add your comments before we break up for the half term break on Friday 28th May.

We cannot promise that each and every suggestion will be taken forward, every suggestion will be given consideration when making plans for next academic year.

Please use the following link to share your views: <https://forms.office.com/r/8Sr3eaLb50>

The views from staff are on the next page with an update on things we will be changing following our learning this year.

We are also eagerly anticipating getting some things up and running again as the roadmap out of lockdown continues. I have been asked by some parents about enrichment clubs after school. We intend to offer a range of these after half term and will be sending out a letter with booking details shortly. School visits can also resume again so we will be providing more details as these are booked including our plans for residential visits. All the staff are excited and eager to be able to provide these additional opportunities again.

Newsletter

Friday 14th May

Website: <https://www.summerseatmethodistprimary.co.uk/>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/Summerseat_mps



Award Winners

Who has been shining this week at Summerseat?

Class One	Golden Award: Harry H Values Award: Louie C
Class Two	Golden Award: Blake K Values Award: Ronin M
Class Three	Golden Award: Violot H & Amelie M Values Award: Edward C
Class Four	Golden Award: Adam T & Mason M Values Award: Izzy D

Dates for your Diary—for dates further ahead, please visit the calendar on the school website.

Tues 18th May	Road Safety – Year 2 10:00am
Weds 19th May	National Numeracy Day
Thurs 27th May	Crazy Hair Day—Friends
Fri 28th May	School Closes for half term
Weds 9th June	School re-opens after half term

Girls Football

New girls Football sessions available locally
Message from Bury FC Boys, Girls & Women:

New Wildcats sessions available for girls aged 5-11 years, no one needs to have played football before, the programmes are designed to get everyone back outside and enjoying sport, in particular football. They will be run by fully qualified coaching staff who are all DBS checked and first aid trained.

For more information use the following link: <https://www.thefa.com/womens-girls-football/get-involved/girls/fun/wildcats>



If you come down to the woods today...

You can join us for storytime in our Forest School

We are holding four story and activity sessions in our Forest School area on

Monday 21st June 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Monday 28th June 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Monday 5th July 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Monday 12th July 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Anyone under school age can attend with an adult and we will share a story, complete a Forest School activity and share a snack.

If you would like to attend, please let us know on:

summerseatmethodist@bury.gov.uk

Things staff want to keep or build on

The focus on wellbeing - Wellbeing is crucial and this has become central to our school ethos and values with a revised whole school approach.

Pupil Engagement – During live lessons and lessons on teams, staff have had to work harder to engage and inspire pupils online. We need to continue to use and build on our 'hooks' for learning.

The continued use of technology to further improve teaching and learning - Technology has amazing potential to check pupil understanding and knowledge retention within and beyond the lesson. These approaches will be maintained. A wealth of shared, digital resources are available - our knowledge of these is so much wider now. These will help with quality of education but also teacher workload. The potential for utilising technology to support successful differentiation is a valuable lesson for us in our context. We will be continuing to work with United Learning through the Government funded technology programme to further strengthen our approaches.

Community Engagement – We have missed you all! During lockdown, we tried to maintain links with parents and the wider community through Teams, telephone and email correspondence, our website and Twitter account, continuing our Award Assembly virtually and much more but our community is such a big part of who we are. We are really looking forward to working with you all again face-to-face through our school events and are planning to increase the scope of these moving forwards.

Rethinking Communication – As a school, we send out lots of information for many purposes including: administrative, informative and to celebrate achievements. We also hold parent workshops which traditionally have low attendance. Even with weekly newsletters, the website and social media, some parents do not feel they are kept as informed as they can be about what is going on in school and our curriculum. Lockdown has taught us new skills utilising technology so after half term, we will be trailing a video newsletter and video half termly curriculum update from staff that you will be able to access on our website and YouTube channel at any time of day to work round your time commitments. This means, parents can access information in a variety of ways which most suits their needs.

Parents as Partners – Parents are partners in education and you have all worked so hard to support learning during lockdown. We want to make sure you are empowered as partners and in the future, will be utilising technology to help share key approaches to aspects of our curriculum so this information is available at any point you need it. We are also reviewing the 'Year group steps in learning' ready for September with the aim of making the curriculum information provided at the start of the year more concise. I will also be hosting a regular parent 'drop-in' session to provide an opportunity for any parents to ask questions and make suggestions.

Collaborative Networks – Schools are most effective when working in strong collaborative networks #teamepworth. They provide support and challenge to improve and grow and have been so supportive during this time! We are proud to be working with such amazing schools and have really valued the