

WATH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your responses to our recent parental survey seeking your views on our early closure on Fridays during the Covid pandemic. An overwhelming 97% of you voted in favour of this continuing with the addition of childcare provision where it is needed.

We intend, therefore, to continue with our early closures on Fridays and will review this again through asking for your opinions before February Half Term as we anticipate that the situation around the pandemic is unlikely to improve over the winter months. By closing early on Fridays, we are able to limit the number of adults entering each bubble, thus reducing the risk of cross contamination as well as conducting additional cleaning. So far, this strategy seems to be effective as we have not needed to close any of our 15 bubbles. Please can I reassure you all that by maintaining staggered start times that no teaching time is lost. Breakfast club will continue each morning and Fun 4 U will continue for after school childcare provision every day after school and on Friday afternoons. For access to breakfast club, please contact the school office on 01709 760471 and for after school provision please contact Fun 4 U on 07884072141.

Your voice is always important to us and has always been heard loud and clear in supporting the staff and governors to ensure the direction the school is taking is in line with the voice of the community. I will therefore telephone any families who voted to return school to normal working days in this consultation.

Finally, I wanted to thank all members of the school community for their support during the period since school return in September. You will be aware that myself and the staff sent a letter of thanks to the children on Wednesday and it therefore seems appropriate to extend that thank you to yourselves now. Whether it has been words of thanks at gate, messages of support to class teachers or thoughts on how things could be made even better, these have all been appreciated in equal measure. Please have a safe half term.

Yours sincerely

Paul Beevor  
Headteacher