



Monday 12th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start to the term. It has been brilliant to welcome back children and families and it is lovely to see how smart everyone looks. Children have been learning about the routines of their new classes and I have already seen lots of fantastic learning. This week, our INSET (staff training days) focused on Read Write Inc training (how to teach reading), our School Development Plan and Peer Meditation.

You might have seen some improvements made to the school building during the summer. We have a new EYFS outdoor area, upgraded cycle and scooter parking, a new awning outside Year 1S (providing much needed shade), a new Year 2 class, a new staffroom area, painting and new vinyl flooring in Reception. During the summer, our team has also offered a weekly pop-up library, so that children can change their library books and do the Summer Reading Challenge. We have also offered weekly tutoring. A huge thank you to the staff team who have worked so hard during the summer break to make this happen to support the children and families at Samarès.

**Update from the Education Department:**

The Education Department has asked schools to inform parents that the Autumn half term break begins for children and staff at the close of school on Thursday 20th October. Friday 21st October, agreed by the Government of Jersey, will be holiday for teachers and teaching assistants as part of the 2022 pay settlement. Giving families as much notice as possible will obviously allow for smooth planning for childcare on that day. Full term dates (including INSET days) can be found on [www.gov.je/termdates](http://www.gov.je/termdates)

**COVID reminders:**

At the start of term, we just wanted to remind you of the current guidance:  
[COVID measures in education settings for teachers and parents](#)

Ahead of the return to schools next week, teachers and parents are reminded of the public health measures that remain in place. These include:

- lateral flow testing at home
- nobody should attend if they have symptoms of COVID
- nobody should attend after a positive test until they have completed the recommended isolation period
- improved ventilation including the use of CO2 monitors and air filtration devices
- hygiene protocols and guidance
- promotion of vaccination

Symptoms

It is important that we all watch out for the symptoms of COVID.

Nobody should attend an education setting if they have symptoms of COVID. If you have symptoms, you should stay at home and book a PCR test.

**ADHD Parent/Carer Support Meeting:**

Please find below a link to book a ticket for the next ADHD Parent/Carer Support Meeting where we will get the opportunity to find out what the Jersey Youth Service has to offer our children.

[ADHD Parent/ Carers Support group meeting - Jersey Youth Service Tickets, Tue 27 Sep 2022 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#)

The Jersey Youth Service runs Youth Projects island-wide for all children and young people aged 9 - 25 years.

They have a number of community-based projects (one in each Parish) and also a number of focused Youth Projects, plus a targeted offer.

- During this session they will tell you about the opportunities available for all your children (the general JYS offer)
- The Young Carers project will be talking about what they can offer the siblings of children with ADHD
- They will also be taking you to the YES Project (which is just down the road) where they will talk to you about the Information and Support Services offered to children and their parents

You will have the opportunity to meet with parents and carers of children with ADHD afterwards, for peer support and sharing of strategies.

Parking is not available at JYS and so we would recommend that you park at Green Street car park or Snow Hill.

If you require support from the Creche worker please let us know in advance. All parents must fill in a registration form for their children prior to the event. This will be emailed out once your request has been received. [webelieveyoubelong@gmail.com](mailto:webelieveyoubelong@gmail.com)

Please share this email with anyone you feel may benefit.

#### **Democracy Week:**

*The Big Wander* quiz encourages Islanders to explore Jersey by foot whilst learning more about its democratic system. There are 50 questions with answers to be found in all 12 Parishes. The quiz can be completed in stages until it closes at midnight on Sunday 25th September. Young Islanders can tag their school when they enter and the school(s) with the most entries and highest point score will be announced and prizes awarded, on stage in the Royal Square during the Corn Riots festival on Friday 30th September.

To take part in *The Big Wander*, simply download the 'Goosechase' app and find *The Big Wander* by entering the code **5W456R** or [download a copy of the quiz questions](#) from the States Assembly website and submit your answers via email to [statesgreffe@gov.je](mailto:statesgreffe@gov.je).

Please do get in touch if you have any questions, comments or queries.

Many thanks,



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