

# Wyke Regis Primary Federation

*Developing caring, independent learners for the world community*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for making our new drop off system work so well. The new timings this week are proving successful, so no changes from next week – except for FS2 (reception children) who will start their full days at school from Monday at 9.00am with a pick up at 3.10pm. Don't forget that junior siblings can be met at the 'lamp post corner' of the playground and can also walk through that way in the mornings to access the junior playground on their own. Can we ask Y5 children to ensure they are not too early as this is causing congestion on the High Street gate. Could we also request parents respect social distancing at the Victoria Road gate as this is becoming congested at the end of the day.

Junior parents who are happy to let children access the site on their own can be dropped at the high street gate with Mrs Ellis and walk in themselves as there will always be staff on the route inside the gate and on the playground to greet them. We are very proud of the increased levels of independence demonstrated by the children – in particular our new FS2 (reception) children and the Y3 who have moved sites and have been brilliant! Thank you parents for the quick 'drop and go' routine which is starting to feel like the new normal. A reminder of the timings: -

Nursery sessions – 8.45 - 11.45 & 12.15 - 3.15

FS2 (reception) – 9.00-3.10

Y1 – 8.45-2.55

Y2 – 8.50-3.00

Y3 – 8.50-3.10

Y4 – 8.40-3.00

Y5 – 8.55-3.15

Y6 – 8.45-3.05

We are doing everything we can to keep the school safe and regularly review our risk assessments. As a result, we have made the decision to allow children to wear PE kit on PE days only from next week. All PE kits in school will be sent home tomorrow. Children should wear their usual PE kit – black shorts and white t-shirts for infants and black shorts and house colour t-shirt for juniors. As the weather starts to get colder, we would also like children to wear black joggers or black tracksuit bottoms and a warm top. For now, children may wear their school sweatshirt on top of their PE shirt. The school wear shops offer a PE hoody which is ideal and we will be liaising with them to see if we can get a 'school deal' or reduced price. Trainers may also be worn to school on PE days. Teachers will advise year groups of PE days in their welcome letters posted on google classroom.

We are increasing the levels of cleaning in school and will be using a 'fogging' procedure used in hospitals and other workplaces. This is done when the building is empty and is not harmful to people. We have also purchased specialist cleaning spray for the laptops and I-pads that the children use in school.

All schools need to be capable of providing on-line learning in the event of any classrooms having to be closed. We have already made a great start with this during lockdown and we will be developing this facility in the coming weeks with homework tasks being set by teachers to get the children back into the google classrooms. Tapestry is the on-line classroom for Nursery, FS2 and the current Y1. We need all children to log-on this weekend please, so we can check everyone has access. There will be a post from teachers on Friday to respond to. Any problems with access can then be sorted next week. Mrs Ellis will be sending a short survey for parents to complete tomorrow.

We have been asked by the Local Authority to follow a standard procedure in advising parents who are reporting an illness to school. This is the same as the advice previously issued but summarised as follows: -

COVID-19 symptoms are a **high temperature** (hot to touch on the back or chest), a new **continuous** cough (continuous cough is coughing consistently for a while and not just every now and again), a **loss of or change to your taste or smell**.

More detail of the symptoms can be found: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Please see below of different types of illness and what action should be taken:

What to do if...	Action needed...	Return to school when...
<b>...my child has COVID-19 symptoms*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- <b><u>Get a COVID-19 test</u></b></li> <li>- <b>Inform school immediately about the test result</b></li> </ul>	<b>...the test comes back negative</b>
<b>...my child tests positive for COVID-19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Agree an earliest date for possible return. (Min 10 Days)</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	<p><b>... they feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks</b></p> <p><b>All children who test positive must complete the 10-day isolation.</b></p>
<b>...my child tests negative</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Discuss when your child can come back (same/next day)</li> </ul>	<b>...the test comes back negative and your child feels well enough to return</b>

### **Vomiting and diarrhoea**

If a child has sickness and diarrhoea they should not come to school. Parents/carers should contact the school to inform them of a child's absence and ring the school on each day of illness.

A child can return to school 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea

### **Colds**

If a child is poorly with symptoms of a cold such as a runny nose or sore throat,

- Check temperature and for symptoms of COVID-19
- If no COVID-19 symptoms, come to school if well enough
- If not well enough, ring on each day of illness

The child can come back to school when they feel well enough and are not showing symptoms of COVID-19

We appreciate these are tricky times and we are all trying our best to follow advice and keep everyone in and out of school safe and well. Thank you for working with the schools to ensure we can achieve this.

That's all for now,

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Head of Federation