

Wyke Regis Primary Federation

Inspiring Hearts and Minds

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, a bit of a testing week for all of us I think! Well done if you have managed to maintain your sanity amid these ever changing times. I will continue to do weekly updates as we did last term to keep everyone informed.

Key worker provision is up and running and if you require this provision you **must** complete weekly booking forms so we know how many children we will have on site every day. Contact the office if you have any queries and thank you for helping us keep numbers of children in school as low as possible in order to minimise potential transmission and to keep our staff team safe too.

From next week we will reduce the staggered starts in the following way but maintain our one-way system. Can I also stress the need for social distancing in and around the grounds please and encourage quick drop-offs as you have been doing so far. Staff will be at Infant class gates and on the Junior playground to meet and greet the children who need to line up in their usual spots.

From Monday – Nursery timings remain the same.

Infant classes may arrive between 8.45 and 8.55; Pick-ups Y1 & Y2 2.55; Rec 3.00.

Y4 and Y6 8.40; pick-ups 3.00.

Y3 and Y5 8.45; pick-ups 3.05.

Please note school gates will be locked at the end of these 10 minute windows and we will monitor the changes to ensure safety of everyone.

For those of you in receipt of free school meals, the schools will operate a voucher system from our own budgets. This differs slightly from the government funded vouchers over the Christmas period, but operates in the same way and will start from Monday. Any queries on this, please call the school office and if you need any further support with this please let us know. Parents that have already ordered any meals for the term that are not now required, please cancel these on the ordering website so we do not have wasted food.

We have been working hard with the teachers this week to get our Google Classrooms and Tapestry operating in the way we would like them to. Thank you for being patient as we streamline and organise learning and begin to introduce a range of teaching videos and live teaching. We are putting in place safeguarding protocols for staff and pupils and you will find an attached home learning protocol for your attention. We will assume that all pupils have permission to take part in live sessions under the new protocol unless you inform us otherwise by informing the school office. Thank you Year 6 who have been trialing this for us.

We know that there have been some technical glitches with Tapestry – mainly caused by hundreds of schools in the country all trying to use it at once! There will be likely some issues along the way but we will do our best to solve them. If you are struggling with access or IT equipment, please contact us – we have equipment at school that could help you. The government have made a pledge to supply schools with more devices and access to broadband in the coming weeks so do tell us what you need.

Next week we will be setting up book exchanges should you wish to collect reading books or materials for your child. Year 1 are ready to go on Monday and Mrs March will e-mail parents separately about the details. All other year groups will be organised for next week and I will write again with details next week.

Mr. Kirwin is keen to introduce some wellbeing activities on all the virtual classrooms. From next week, look out for Mindful Mondays, Wellbeing Wednesdays and Fun Fridays!

Finally, we are here to support you in whatever way we can. Do not hesitate to contact us over the coming weeks and if you need contact calls to be made with your child, let us know.

Stay safe and take care everyone.

Yours faithfully

Mrs W Roberts
Head of Federation

Cc Mr. G Hepburn (Chair of Governors)