

# Wyke Regis Primary Federation

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Dear Parents and carers,

As half term approaches, the children are looking forward to a break, along with the staff. For once it appears the weather will actually be on our side this bank holiday!

We have had a few issues with fiddle toys and spinners in school. Children are not permitted to bring in any of these kind of items as it causes distraction in class. The exception of course is that a small number of children actually need these items and our SENCO Mrs Bowles is fully aware of those children, ensuring the school provides them with what they need.

We have a growing number of concerns around the use of social media outside school hours with our older children. Some of these issues have been serious and caused safeguarding concerns; others have been about children being unkind to each other or openly abusive. Please could we ask parents to check in on their child's devices (including x-boxes/play stations) on a regular basis and to ensure age appropriate apps are being used. We are really worried that young children are accessing material that is harmful and they are not following e-safety guidance. You can find useful information on the following link: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

The Chesil Family Partnership Zone will be re-starting their drop-in sessions for parents after half term. The first one is at the junior site between 8.45-9.45 and is open to any parents who would like to use the service. Masks will need to be worn and sessions will be held in the hall with plenty of ventilation. It would be helpful if you telephoned the office the day before so that we can anticipate numbers. A date will be organised for Infant parents too.

Free school meal vouchers are being issued today for half term. If you have any issues accessing the voucher, please speak to Mrs Clarke in either office. She has also asked me to remind any parents with new pupils starting in either the nursery or reception classes to complete the online admission form, details of which would have been emailed to their primary email address. Year two parents will not need to do this as records will transfer to the Juniors in September.

As you know, we have a training day on Friday so the children break up for half term tomorrow **at normal school finishing times**. As stated in my last letter, there are no changes to staggered starts, mask wearing or one way systems after half term. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

We wish you a restful half term and we will look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs W Roberts  
Head of Federation