

Wyke Regis Primary Federation

Inspiring Hearts and Minds

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another school year! We look forward to welcoming all children back on Monday 6th September. There are certainly challenges ahead in managing COVID cases but we are advised by the government to do our own risk assessments in line with our own school settings. We have large numbers of children in our schools so we will be moving forward cautiously but positively! Hand hygiene, ventilation and distancing are all still important, so whilst we will be planning for more 'normal' activities over the year, we will still be taking sensible precautions. Whilst mask wearing is no longer a requirement in schools, some staff will continue to do this and likewise, parents have that choice on site.

All children should come back to school in uniform on the first day as PE days will be sorted by year groups and you will be informed of PE kit days during that first week back by year leaders. Please can I remind all parents that colored/dyed hair is not permitted and that all long hair needs to be tied back.

We would like to start the new school year with that steady flow of drop off during a 10-minute window which we trialled in July. Gates will be locked promptly after the windows as noted below. Senior staff will be out on the site in the mornings and classes at the Juniors will still be walked out at the end of the day by their teachers. There will be no one-way system. From Monday 6th September the following drop-off and pick-up windows will be in operation: -

8.35-8.45 Years 3-6; Year 3 & 4 3.05 finish and Year 5 & 6 3.10. Access via High Street or Victoria Road.
8.40-8.50 Y1 & 2; finish at 3.00. Access via Shrubbery lane or Portland Road.
8.45-8.55 FS2 (reception classes); finish at 3.00. Access via Shrubbery lane or Portland Road (Please note different timings are in operation for the first two weeks for reception classes - already advised to parents in session letters A and B). Timings will change to those above from Monday 20th September.
8.45 Nursery; finish at 3.15. Access Shrubbery lane.

Parents will not be expected to walk across the site because the lamppost drop-off and pick-up system will be in operation. Children have become very independent these last few months so please help us build on this - which should also help you as parents by not having to be in several places at once! So for example, junior children with infant siblings can be dropped via the infant site to walk through to classes via the lamppost. A member of staff will meet and greet every day. At the end of the day, lamppost pick-up children can walk themselves to the lamppost and wait to meet you there. A member of staff will be on duty every day.

The Breakfast and After School Hub registers are ready to book for September in the usual way. **Please note that from 6th September we are unable to take bookings on the day of requested sessions.**

Looking forward to a new school year and seeing all the children on Monday.
Yours faithfully,

Mrs W Roberts
Head of Federation