

Wyke Regis Primary Federation

Inspiring Hearts and Minds

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy autumn! Certainly a contrast to last week that's for sure.

Thank you for keeping us updated with potential COVID cases and testing. You will only receive a close contact email letter if there has been a positive case in your child's class. The rest of the classes will receive an information only letter so that all parents are aware of case numbers. So far we have had 4 close contact class letters issued. We are required to monitor the numbers and report them so that additional measures can be used if cases are too high. At the moment we are not classed as a high incidence school. **If your child has any symptoms of COVID, they must do a PCR and not a lateral flow test. This is crucial in identifying asymptomatic cases and reducing transmission.**

We are so pleased with the start and end of the school day and will move to the final phase next week which is to bring our FS2 (reception classes) in line with Y1 and 2 in the mornings. **Please note therefore that from Monday the infant school drop off window is 8.40-8.50 for all children except Nursery.** Gates will close promptly and children must then be taken to the school office to register if late. This applies to junior children arriving after 8.45 through the lampost area - please remember junior drop-off is 8.35-8.45. There are staff stationed on all gates and playgrounds as well as at the lampost area to ensure safe and swift drop-offs and collections. Thank you for your assistance with this - the mornings are calm and children are learning in classrooms more promptly.

We are looking for casual mid-day supervisors at both schools so that absence can be covered during sickness. Please contact either office if you are interested and ask for Mrs Kimber at the infants or Mrs Hayne at the juniors.

The school governors have started their work for the year and would like to invite any interested parents that could add their skills and time to the board. This is a rewarding voluntary role and the chair of governors would be happy to talk to you about what's involved. Please phone either school office to register interest, or e-mail him direct ghepburn@wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk.

If your child is booked in to after school club and arrangements change on the day, please let the junior office know to avoid confusion for the staff and the worry of 'missing' children on the lists. Thank you.

Lost property is no longer in a central box. Each year group will check items left behind at the end of each week. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name for swift return to owners! There are some items left at the infant site from last year - we will try to put these outside at the end of school one day next week.

Thank you for your sign-up to parent consultations this week. If you missed your slot, please contact the school office to organise a phone call with your child's teacher so they can tell you how your child has settled.

A reminder that hot school meal taster day next Thursday is for infant children only. Those parents who have ordered meals for junior children will be served as usual.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs W Roberts
Head of Federation