



West Sussex County Council
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Information for those children attending school during the Lockdown Period

We are now getting back into the routine for our second Lockdown. Thank you for keeping to the one-way systems around school. Those children who are in Turtles, Manta Rays, Dolphins and Hedgehog classes should still use the playground entrance and exit as they were before the Christmas holidays.

Some parents have asked if they can bring their children in on a part time basis. Whilst this remains your choice, the way our curriculum is structured, means it may be difficult for them to 'dip in and out' if not in school full time, so this would be our preference, as it will ensure they have good continuity with their learning.

Please also note that the list of Critical Workers has increased since the March Lockdown and as such, we have a lot more families requiring places. However, the guidance that we have been given is that whilst the educational provision will remain available for children of key workers, where it is at all possible for them to remain at home and for key work to still be undertaken, they should. Our school staff are under enormous pressure and working incredibly hard to provide support to those who need it, both those in school and those accessing Remote Learning. Please bear this in mind as you make decisions around sending your child into school.

Please ensure your child has warm clothing on each day as it is very cold at the moment. We are aiming to maintain ventilation in classes and also ensure the children get outside each day so they need lots of warm clothing for every eventuality.

As with the first lockdown, there will be no fruit deliveries as from the end of this week, so please send in a named snack each day with your child from Monday 11th January.

Unfortunately, we are unable to start up our Multi-skills clubs as we had planned. If you would like a refund for the sessions, please contact the school office. Otherwise, we will leave your child on the list for when we can start up the sessions.

Due to the higher risk of transmission of the new variant, we may not be able to cover class teachers with supply teachers. If they are off sick and so if this happens, we will let you know as soon as possible and the class will need to access remote learning from home during the period of absence.

Best wishes
Tab Infant



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