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Dear Parents,

Important Covid Information- School spaces and key information

Thank you for your patience and understanding during what has been a difficult week. We only found out about the National Lockdown at 8pm on Monday, along with the rest of the country. We are receiving daily updates and guidance from both West Sussex County Council and the Department for Education as the expectations this time for what School is expected to offer is very different to last time. Please bear with us as some of the guidance on certain areas hasn't been issued yet and some has already changed during the course of this week.

The reason that schools have been closed to a majority of children is to reduce transmission rates. Currently the safest place for children to be is at home, if at all possible. The more children stay at home the more the transmission rate will be reduced. We are trying to make school a safe place for children, parents and staff so please only send your child to school or ask for a place, if absolutely necessary.

We, along with the rest of the Locality Schools, are currently overwhelmed with parents wanting a space. We are working with a reduced amount of staff in School. We are providing face to face learning as well as supporting, everyone at home with the remote learning which is being lived marked during the day.

The DfE's guidance clarifies critical workers as being '**parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response**'. It includes those who work in health and social care, education and childcare, key public services, food and other necessary goods, public and national security, transport and border, utilities, communication and financial services, and local and national government.



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KEY INFORMATION:

REMOTE LEARNING

Remote learning needs to be completed on a Word document and added to each day. Please email the word document to School daily for marking and feedback. Please add to the same Word document the next days' work, so that when we return face to face we can print off individual booklets of completed work. Please ensure the date is at the start of each new piece of work.

If your child/ren are completing paper based work eg: handwriting, please take a photograph and email this to school for marking and feedback.

Teachers will mark the work daily and provide feedback and next steps. If the work is not being completed, we will contact you to see how we can help and support you and your child.

WELFARE CHECKS

As from today, we will be resuming our welfare checks for each child and family. You will receive a telephone call from either your child's teacher, myself or Mrs Jones. The purpose of these calls is to establish an ongoing dialogue between home and school to see if we can help you in any way and to answer any questions or queries you may have.

LAPTOPS

From the 15th January 2021, the Government will start to allocate Laptops for some pupils. Please see below the information from the DFE regarding this scheme. The laptops will be sent to School, you do not need to order them yourselves.

"Who can get laptops and tablets?"

- *disadvantaged children in years 3 to 11 who do not have access to a device and whose face-to-face education is disrupted*
- *disadvantaged children in any year group who have been [advised to shield](#) because they (or someone they live with) are clinically extremely vulnerable*
- *disadvantaged children in any year group attending a hospital school*

How device allocations have been decided?

Schools and colleges will receive an allocation of devices to be used to support disadvantaged children who are otherwise unable to access remote education.

Examples of this include disadvantaged children:

- *with no digital devices in their household*
- *whose only available device is a smartphone*
- *with a single device in their household that's being shared with more than one other family member"*



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VOUCHERS FOR FSM

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals you will begin to receive electronic vouchers again shortly to be used as before. This e-voucher comes with instructions on what they can be used for and where they can be spent. If you have any questions, please contact School once you are in receipt of your e-voucher.

I hope that you have found this update informative. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Claire Inskip
Headteacher



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