

Dear Parent/s /Carer/s,

Social Distancing

As shared last week, we currently have some concerns around social distancing on site and are looking into tightening pick up arrangements in particular should they continue, so here a few reminders of the measures everyone needs to stick to:

- Drop off is from 8.30 – 9.00 AM for everyone
- Pick is from 2.50 – 3.05 PM for families with more than one child at the school, picking up the youngest first
- Pick up is from 3.00 – 3.15 for families with one child at the school
- Children must be dropped off and collected by one adult only
- Children who walk home independently will be released at 3.00 PM, not beforehand
- All adults must maintain their distance when on site

Please self-manage the above, keep your child/ren with you, maintain your distance and remember to leave site swiftly so that we can begin clearing and cleaning. Thank you for your continued dedication to this, which helps everyone.

Free Universal Infant Hot Meals

To enable staffing for hot meals from Monday 12 October, we will move to year group bubbles for playtimes for all year groups from Monday 5 October. This way, routines can be established for pupils beforehand. All pupils will continue to eat their lunches in their classroom (bar Y1 Oak, who will eat in the hall) and outside play will be scheduled so that year groups play together. We will then look into how we can safely extend the use of the hall for more pupils later in the term.

This does of course mean that full year groups would need to isolate should a positive Covid case be diagnosed. A Public Health England information leaflet is attached for your information.

New Front Gates and Car Park Fencing

Just a reminder that all parent/s/carer/s and pupils will need to use the side entrances on Goose Green Close or the Erica Way cul-de-sac from Monday 12 October so that this project can progress.

Parents' Evenings

West Sussex are not supportive of large gatherings on site, so we need a distanced version. This year, the autumn term interim reports for all pupils will be emailed to you on Friday 16 October.

Largely, we are reporting on how well your child has settled back into learning. After receiving the report, should you wish to arrange a 10 minute follow up telephone conversation with a class teacher during the 2 weeks after half term, please email them during the week beginning 19 October so that they can provide you with a time slot.

Uniform Reminder

As the weather changes now we are in autumn, please make sure that all pupils attend school with coats (with a hood) that they can wear on the playground.

Attendance

Finally, we would like to congratulate the whole school on attendance. Not only are we running at around 98%, but Y3 Willow and Y5 Hawthorn even achieved 100% for this week! Such healthy news – thank you.

Kind regards

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Headteacher