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A message from West Dean Teaching Team

Home Learning whilst we are partially closed



Our school is closed
apart from children of key workers
until further notice

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please don't stress about your children's school work
– just do what you can and enjoy learning together.

When we are all back in school, we will get our children back on track.

We are teachers and these are our superpowers!

What we cannot fix is the social-emotional trauma
which prevents the brain from learning.

So please, just share your love, share your calm, share your strength
and share your laughter with your children.

Don't think of your children as being behind or ahead of where they should be –
they are where they are and where they need to be.

We will work together to prepare everyone for their next steps
at school and in their lives.

With love from us all.

Our wonderful office team will still respond to email queries between 9am and 12 noon, and there is someone in school from 8:30 until 3pm, but we are often busy and may not always be able to answer the phone immediately.

If you have any suggestions or requests about how we can support you, please do get in touch.

West Dean C.E.P.S. NEEDS YOU!

Please see attached information regarding painting, decorating and things you may be able to help us to do as we prepare to return to school.

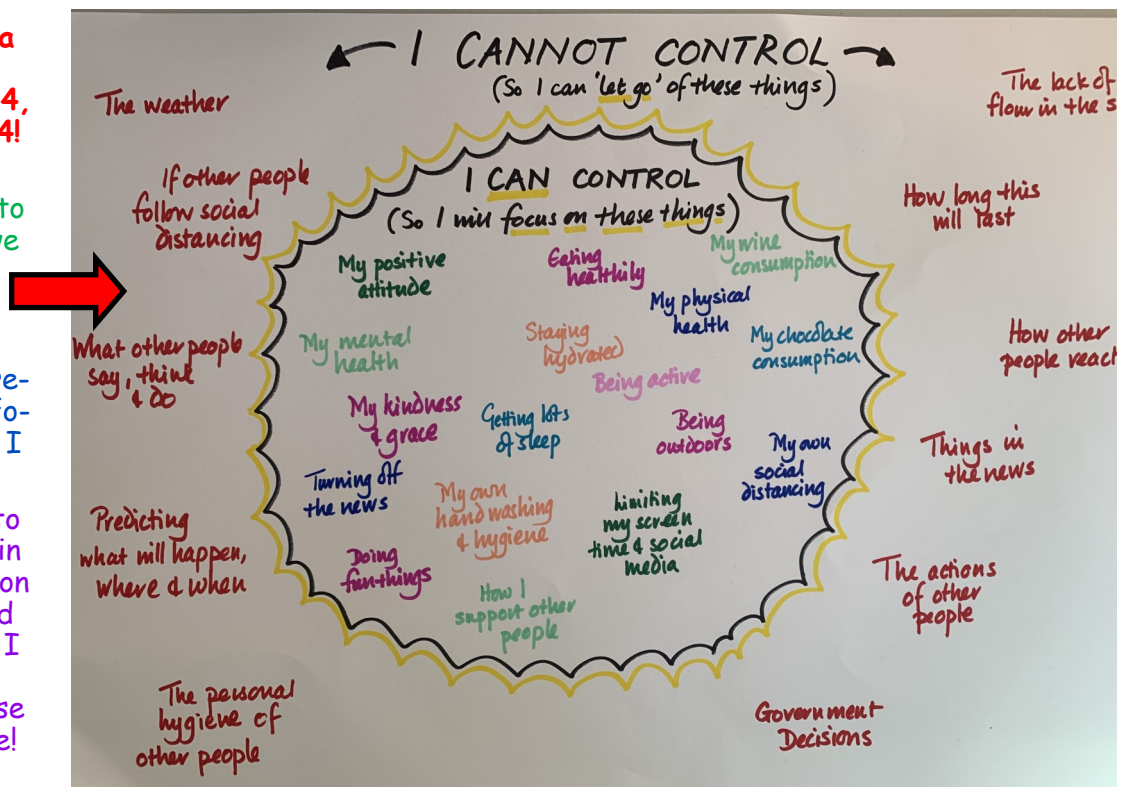


This activity is a nice one to do whether you are 4, 11, 14, 40 or 84!

Throughout our lives it is helpful to remember that we cannot impact on everything.

These were my thoughts about areas I can usefully focus on and things I need to 'let go'.

It will be useful to support children in focusing children on their learning and on being healthy. I hope it helps to quell some of those worries out there!



SEND Special Educational Needs

Please see the home Learning page of the website for ideas for supporting children at home.

Please find a link to the [SEND and Inclusion newsletter](#). This newsletter has been written to provide some additional information which you may find useful.

HOME LEARNING USING THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

New for this week:

Friday 8th May is a Bank Holiday—school will be closed to everyone, so that we can all stay at home and celebrate **V.E. Day!** KS2 pupils in particular will be learning about this in school and on the class pages of the website. There are lots of ideas and resources, links and suggestions already on the **Home Learning** page of the website too.

Reminders:

On the class pages there are streamlined teaching notes, resources and activities for **English and maths**. We suggest that you do this in the mornings, following your own learning timetable. We aim to provide support and extension so that you can find learning at the correct 'level' for your own children.

We encourage you to **post images** and information about your home learning, securely on the class pages, so that we can have a window into everyone's achievement. You can do this by logging onto the website and using the 'new message' tab. You will find your teachers' names in the recipients' box, then you can give your message a name (or 'subject') and type a message. You can then 'attach' pictures, in the same way you might add images to a text or email. **The discussion tabs will be restored soon - this will be a great way of communicating with friends in the class.**

Your **teachers** will liaise with you via the class pages, about learning—they will also let you know when to expect them to be 'on-line'. Please don't worry or be frustrated if you don't get an immediate response, as our staff are teaching in the classroom, working on planning etc behind the scenes and managing their own health & well-being too.

We suggest that the afternoons should be focused on more practical, outdoors, collaborative 'topic' work, and we have selected a mini topic for each week, to help us to cover all curriculum areas. This learning can be found **on the main website homepage**, away from the secure class pages. Clicking on the **HOME LEARNING** tab will take you directly to this new area, which is being added to over the coming weeks. You will also see the recipes section, where you can try making some lovely dishes, and email pictures of your successes to Mrs Muggeridge: SMuggeridge@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk. Mrs Muggeridge will then make a gallery of your lovely meals for the website.

There is a huge and potentially **overwhelming array of resources** 'out there' on the internet at the moment. We are being bombarded in school by this sort of thing and are endeavouring to 'cherry pick' the best learning resources for you—so please don't feel that your children are missing out if you restrict yourselves to the school website—there is more than enough learning available here, without you spending hours trawling through online resources. We will try to give you ideas to 'stretch/extend' your children if they progress well and to support them if they find some aspects trickier. This is easier to do if we are with them, but we will do our best! We have an area for 'links to a variety of teacher resources' and we will put other things on there for anyone who does want to trawl for other ideas. **This week there is a new page of links here.... So many resources!**

There are also some lovely **community ideas**, activities and suggestions, such as sending rainbow pictures to the new Nightingale hospitals—A4 only for laminating, putting rainbow pictures and teddy bears in windows to make us all smile when we are out walking..... Please share these on the class pages and in your class WhatsApp parent groups. If you have not tried **Zoom** to communicate with groups of family and friends, please give it a go: this has already been very successful for home pupil-teacher video links, Book Club sessions etc and is password protected and planned in advance.

Acorn Awards

During our partial school closure, we would like to continue with our Acorn Awards.

We have children working hard in school and at home.

*Please send us pictures of the work you have done, and maybe pictures of **you** doing the work. This can be any sort of home learning which you are proud of.*

The teachers will then select someone from each year group for our acorn award and we will publish these in the newsletter each Friday and in the entrance area.

Friday 1st May 2020

***James S** - for writing an exciting and very engaging story extract in the style of Anthony Horowitz, achieving just the right tone and language choice*

***Bay** - for conscientious and accurate spelling and grammar work, carefully thinking about how to improve sentences using ambitious noun phrases*

***Mabel** - for being an amazing role model in the classroom, settling quickly to her work and really showing the other children how to be a super learner. She is working so hard but especially at her reading and maths*

***James Loy** - for absolutely 'disgusting' troll work, super powerful descriptive word choices and great imagination*

***George** - for his enthusiasm to our new way of learning, working incredibly hard and always excited to share and participate in our 'Zoom' book clubs*

***Felix B** - for his super sentences this week using connectives*

***Fynn** - for the lovely work in his bubbles blog*



Diary Dates 2020 tbc

Summer Term 2020: Monday 20th April—Friday 17th July

Half Term: Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May

2020 INSET days

Monday 1st June, Wednesday 1st July, Monday 20th July

Friday 8th May - 75th VE Day Anniversary Bank Holiday—school closed

Saturday 16th May—Lions Swimathon tbc

Monday 1st June - INSET Day, School Closed

Thursday 4th June 8.45—Apple Class Assembly

Monday 15th June—Yellow School Photo's—classes/Y6

Leavers

Tuesday 16th June - Chestnut Class Assembly

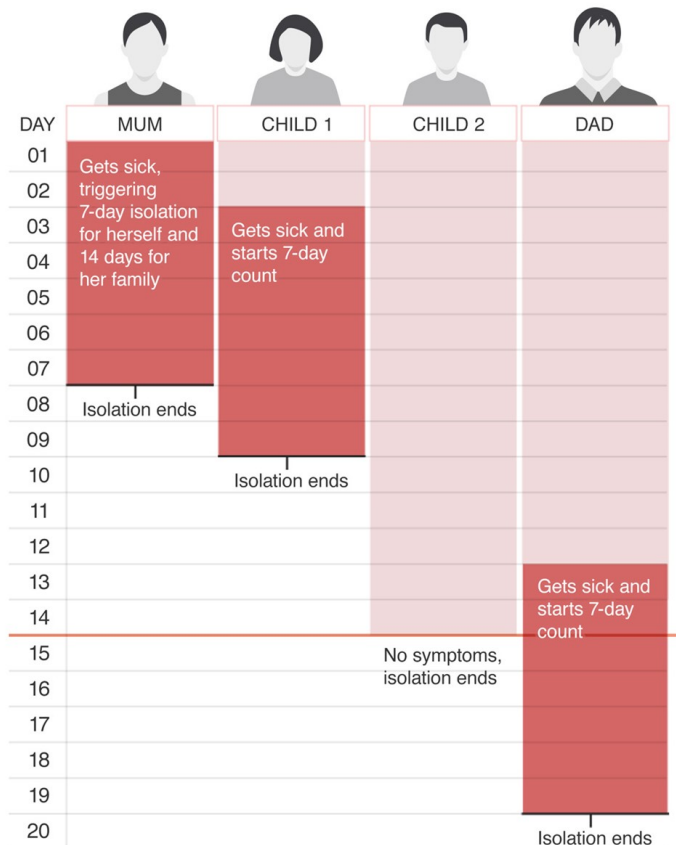
Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June—Beech Class Big Camp

Thursday 25th June 8.45—Maple Class Assembly

Thursday 2nd July 10.30—Year 6 Leavers Service at
Chichester Cathedral



What happens if someone in your family gets sick?



Summer Term Class Assembly Dates: tbc

Please do come along and join us at 8.45

Apple Thursday 4th June

Maple Thursday 25th June

Beech Wednesday 20th May

Chestnut Tuesday 16th June

Source: Public Health England advice

BBC

	Coronavirus	Cold	Flu
Fever	Common	Rare	Common
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Cough	Common (usually dry)	Mild	Common (usually dry)
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhoea	Rare	No	Sometimes for children
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

Source: World Health Organisation, Center for Disease control and Prevention

Current Useful Information and Reminders:

Thank you to everyone who supported us with donations to the **Chichester District Foodbank**; we are going to continue to have a box in the Reception area to collect any items that you would like to donate and Mrs Jen Rogers has very kindly agreed to make regular deliveries of our goods.

Every Wednesday 3.00-3.15 - Pop in and see your child's classroom and have a look at their work. Teachers will be available every Wednesday for informal chats - do pop in. We would love to have the opportunity to share your child with you.

School Money on-line donations.

We have been asked to set up the facility for people to make donations to the school if they would like to. This is available on Schoolmoney.co.uk and will show on your account as 'School Donation' with the amount of £1. There is absolutely no obligation to make this donation and if you wish, you can alter the figure to select the amount that you would like to pay.

Any donations to the school are very much appreciated and we thank you for your support.

Schoolmoney.co.uk on-line payments enables you to book for trips and clubs etc. and make payments on-line.

Please do log in regularly and check for 'live' visits and events.

Please log-in to your account to make sure any outstanding balances are settled.

Payment for spring term clubs and care bears has been credited to your school money account. For the children in year 6, this credit has been applied to a sibling account, where possible.



PTA News:

If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact westdeanpta@outlook.com or contact the school office (office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)

Governing Body News:

Our team of governors continue to work together to help steer the school and support staff and the community. We are meeting every couple of weeks or so via Zoom video sessions.

For information about our Governing Body, to find out who we are and what we do or how to contact us please email Mrs Pasha Delahunty, Clerk to Governors - pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Lost Property

Don't forget to check the lost property 'bin', on the pavilion decking, for any items that you might be missing.

Please make sure that school uniform is clearly named to enable us to return clothing that has been found.