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Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely to be able to share something positive and new! I have been informed that, after a period of interregnum, we have a confirmed new church representative, who is experienced and keen to begin work with us and the parish very soon. Mrs Goacher informed us thus: *We are delighted to announce that Bishop Martin has agreed to present Rev. Sarah Manouch as House-for-Duty Incumbent of the Benefice of East Dean, Singleton and West Dean.* For us and the children, this means that Sarah will be our vicar, and we look forward to getting to know her, learning from her and involving her in the life of the school. (see overleaf for Sarah's introduction)

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.*

### Wider School Opening

I am sure that you will all have been following the news about the government's plans for wider school reopening. The picture has changed nationally, as no local authority or school can guarantee to bring back all pupils before the end of the school year: there are logistical differences between schools, with learning spaces, corridors, outdoor spaces etc to consider.

I have consulted widely with our staff and governors, and some parents. We have carried out risk assessments and are putting plans into place to **give every child the chance to return to school for at least one day a week from the 22<sup>nd</sup> June onwards.** This will give us four weeks of a new organisation (next week will remain as this week, with YR, Y1, Y6 and rainbow group/key workers).

Our plan allows for the majority of **siblings** to be in school on the same day, but this is not possible in all cases, so please be aware that brothers and sisters may have to come in on different days.

We know that there is a real **desire and need** for all our children to see friends and teachers, pick up with their learning and share what they have been up to during 'lockdown'. They need to be reassured about school for the end of this year and be prepared, mentally, for their moves into their next classes for September. We miss the children very much and have been heartened by the joy shown by all the children coming back to school so far, even with the restrictions we have in place.

We have a plan with lots of precautions in place to keep everyone safe, so we will rely on your support to put this into practice. It is vital, however, that you acknowledge that we are **minimising and managing risk, not eliminating it.** Children will be in closer proximity than they have been outside school, with people from other households. Please make sure that you and your children are aware of the importance of all our safety measures.

Just to clarify, our new, wider opening, for Y2, 3, 4 and 5 will begin on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, not next week! We have plans to do some zooming into lessons for anyone staying at home shielding, and our home learning may be reduced a little on the website, as all staff will be very involved in bringing the plans to fruition.

Information about how this will happen is on the next few pages. Please do read all the logistics information carefully—we are inviting everyone in, but respect your decision if you are shielding or do not consider it safe at the current time, to send your child back into school.

If you would like to know more about our decision, please read the section on 'background to our decision making'.

Otherwise, thank you for your support and we will be delighted to see you all soon.

### **An introduction from Rev. Sarah Manouch**

Hello. I just wanted to introduce myself a little, and to say what an honour and a privilege it is to be appointed to serve in the Valley Parish.

I am a local girl, born and raised in Chichester, and as well as being a Priest I am also the Assistant Manager of St Olav Christian Bookshop. Before Ordination I worshipped at St Paul's in Chichester for over 30 years, and then for the past 5 years I have been serving in the Harbour Churches Benefice of West Wittering, Birdham and Itchenor, first as the Curate and then for the past 2 years as the Associate Vicar.

I have had the pleasure of meeting some of you when I presided at services both during the vacancy and also when assisting Rev Kev during his holidays and I look forward to meeting more of you as I begin my ministry among you.

Although this is an unusual time for all of us, and at this stage we don't know when I will be able to begin serving in person with you all, I am excited at the prospect of working with you to further God's Kingdom, to spread the Good News, and to continue the amazing initiatives and activities that are already such a part of your worshipping, and wider, communities.

Please hold me in your prayers, as I do you, as we walk together on this amazing journey called faith.



## **West Dean CE Primary School Plans for Summer Term 2020**

### **Week Commencing 15th June**

For this week, we will continue with the plan we have been running for the past fortnight:

**Y6 pupils— full time**

**YR and Y1 on a part time basis:** Y1 pupils = Mondays and Tuesdays,

YR pupils = Thursdays and Fridays.

Children who have been in school throughout this period will remain eligible for school on a full time basis.

**Attendance = not compulsory at this time**

#### **Continued Home Schooling**

Some children will still be educated at home: they may be shielding family members; they may be unwell; they may be in Y2,3,4 or Y5, or their parents may be uncertain about the safety of mixing more widely at the moment. We will continue to support everyone with home learning in exactly the way we have so far: our timetables have been set up to enable this and so that we can ensure, for example, that any Y6 pupils at home are not too isolated.

**Zoom reading** sessions will be timetabled differently— look out for information about this on the class pages.

### Wider Opening from June 22nd onwards—Important Information:

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**Please remember to provide in date medication, information & inhalers etc Thank you.**

Which children ?	Which days?	Which grown ups?	Which learning space?	Drop off and pick up times
Apple Pupils: YR & Y1 (NOT KEY WORKER CHILDREN)	Either Mondays & Tuesdays or Thursdays & Fridays	Mrs Boxall and Mrs Muggeridgel, ed by Mrs Chilton & Mrs Plackett	Apple classroom and outdoor area	9:00 - 3:00
Y6	Mondays & Tuesdays	Mrs Prudence and Mrs Goacher	Beech Classroom	9:00 - 3:00
Y5	Thursdays	Mrs Pearmaine and Miss Ashton	Maple Classroom	9:00 - 3:00
Y4	Wednesdays	Mrs Johnson and Mrs Wakefield	Beech Classroom	9:00 - 3:00
Y3	Thursdays	Mrs Johnson and Mrs Wakefield	Beech Classroom	9:00 - 3:00
Y2	Fridays	Mrs Pearmaine and Miss Ashton	Beech Classroom	9:00 - 3:00
KS2 Rainbows (Key worker pupils)	Every day	Mrs Totman & Mrs Wakefield - Mondays Miss Ashton & Mrs Pearmaine - Tuesdays Mrs Prudence- Weds and Thurs Mrs Goacher- Weds, Thurs & Fri Mrs Johnson- Fridays	Chestnut Classroom	8:45 - 2:45
KS1 Rainbows (Key worker pupils)	Every day	Mrs Chilton— Mondays & Tuesdays Miss Ashton & Mrs Pearmaine— Wednesdays Mrs Plackett— Thursdays and Fridays	Hall	8:45 - 2:45

### Drop off and Pick up Times and Procedures

We need to keep groups of pupils and parents apart to reduce the risk of the spread of Covid-19. Please park at a safe distance from others and keep 2m away in the school grounds.

Parents should be able to park safely in the school car park, but if you can walk to school, please please do so, to avoid congestion. If you can park at the Dean Inn, and safely cross the road, this will help reduce congestion too.

Our staggered drop off and pick up timings will help us all to keep a safe distance and prevent families arriving together, queuing and mixing of groups. Please respect these timings. If you are very early, please wait in your car.

Please do not stand and chat on the playground as this will result in congestion—we would love to chat and catch up, but we will prioritise safety over this.

We cannot run after school clubs as we cannot mix groups. Our hours are limited so that all our staff can support us with sanitising and cleaning the school, as well as continuing to provide the high quality home learning resources, planning and support.

**Help us to reduce the risks of infection to our whole community.**

- No one should attend school who has or may have symptoms of Covid19.
- If you have concerns about your child's health or they are showing any symptoms that may be related to Covid 19, you must not send them to school.
- If anyone in your home is showing any symptoms of Covid 19, you should keep your child at home for 14 days from these symptoms starting, to ensure your child is not contagious, unless you have a negative test result. Please let school know.

**Behaviour outside school**—with school open to more children, and more grown ups in school at once, there is a **slightly increased, but nevertheless serious, risk**. It is vital that we all **maintain hygiene measures and safe distancing** outside school, in shops, at work and with friends and family, for example. There may be further lifting of restrictions in the wider community, but please remember that we are all part of this school community and help us all to stay as safe as possible, keeping the risk tiny. **Please continue to do all you can to support us in this.**

**DURING THE FINAL FIVE WEEKS OF TERM,**

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT US OR YOUR FAMILIES AT RISK WITH YOUR BEHAVIOURS OUTSIDE SCHOOL. NO-ONE SHOULD BE MIXING WIDELY.**

**CONSIDER THE RISKS WHEN YOU LET YOUR CHILDREN PLAY WITH CHILDREN OUTSIDE YOUR FAMILY. AVOID GATHERINGS INSIDE.**

**BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS DESPITE THE BEHAVIOUR OF OTHERS AROUND YOU AND THE WIDER OPENING OF SHOPS AND BUSINESSES ETC.**

**WE HAVE WORKED SO HARD AND MADE SO MANY SACRIFICES AND COMPROMISES. PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS BE FOR NOTHING.**

**IF THE NATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE, THE INFECTION RATE INCREASES, THERE ARE MORE CASES IN OUR AREA, OR WE HAVE POORLY STAFF,**

**WE WILL BE FORCED TO REDUCE OUR OPENING TO A MINIMUM ONCE AGAIN.**

**Illness in school (high temperature—over 38°C? new, continuous cough, loss of/change to sense of smell or taste)**

- We are taking children's **temperatures** at the start of each school day, using electronic, contact free thermometers—we have one per group, kindly donated by Sharon-Michi Kusunoki, Jonalyn Mills and their group of friends of the school. Sharon and Jonalyn are school governors and have been very supportive in this difficult period.
- If your child becomes unwell during the day, showing symptoms of Covid 19, they will be kept isolated from other pupils until someone can collect them. **School grown ups will wear PPE** (a mask, gloves and apron) when looking after symptomatic children, and we will clean everywhere they have worked or played immediately, following DfE guidelines. Your whole family should then be tested, which should be done straight away. If you all then test negative, then your child may return.
- If anyone tests **positive for Covid 19** we will close the school until sufficient staff are able to return having shown a negative result. We will then open only to children with a negative test result. (Any child/adult with a positive result will return after the isolation period of seven days from the symptoms being reported)
- It is vital that you isolate and do not send your child to school if **anyone in your family has any Covid 19 symptoms**. Please let school know.
- If your child is **unwell with unrelated symptoms** they should, of course, remain away from school as usual eg. 48 hours after any sickness.

## Keeping Everyone Safe and Keeping School Clean

### Cleaning and Sanitising

Our school cleaning will continue to be thorough and will be more frequent. We are following DfE and other guidelines.

Before and after school, and during transitions, our team will **disinfect** and clean tables, door handles, chair backs and equipment such as laptop keyboards etc. Each class will have their own allotted set of classroom cleaning equipment that will be stored appropriately within the classrooms.

### Hand Cleanliness

Adults and children will continue to **wash their hands** frequently on entry to school, before break time, after break, before eating, after eating, before leaving school, and anytime that they visit the toilet or cough/sneeze into their hands. (**Catch it, kill it, bin it** is promoted). Children are encouraged not to touch their mouths, eyes and noses.

**Tissues** are available in all classrooms.

We will use mostly **warm water and soap** for hand washing, with **disposable paper towels** for hand drying, and **pedal bins** for waste disposal. Hand **sanitisers** are also available in our classrooms, staffroom, offices and entrance area. School adults will monitor this and support hand washing necessary.

Please continue to **support this regime at home**, as it is the key to minimising the spread of most germs.

### Toilets

Each 'bubble' group will use the **assigned toilets** for that group. Toilets within each group's cloakroom area will be clearly labelled to keep the numbers of children using each toilet to a minimum.

Toilets will be cleaned at lunchtime and at the end of the school day.

### Resources

**Older pupils** will have a **transparent bag** with their own set of basic equipment; pencils, ruler scissors etc. stored in a **named tray**. These trays will be kept at their work area so that we can keep the movement of children to a minimum in the classroom, keeping children as far apart as possible.

**Younger pupils** will have a set of learning resources, toys and equipment for each day. At the end of each day, these materials will be stored until they are safe to use again: the same resources each Monday, for example. They may also have a named tray to keep their belongings separate, kept at their own desks.

**Please do not allow children to bring in their own resources as we will not be able to use home resources.**

### Distancing

Staff will need to be **closer than 2m** to children for some of the time. It would feel very strange for the children, be virtually impossible to teach properly and care for them, and a huge challenge whilst inside any room. We will be very mindful of the risk, however, so children will feel that grown ups are a little more distant - it may help if you can remind them why this is the case.

### Ventilation and the Outdoors

We will learn outside whenever we can as this is fun and deemed safer in terms of virus transmission. Ventilation is also important, so windows will be open and doors propped open, to reduce the frequency with which we touch door handles etc.

### Emergency Evacuation

We will not do an emergency evacuation drill during these strange times. If the fire alarm is sounded, staff will close doors as we all leave the building, and we will do a roll call as we usually do, at the top of the playground, away from the building. We will have a paper register in each group, which the adult will have with them at all times on a special clipboard along with our planning, pupil and learning notes, and all medical/SEND information for the group.



## Help us to Keep School Organised Effectively and Safely

Children will need to bring:

- ♦ A named **water bottle**
- ♦ A named lightweight **waterproof**
- ♦ **Sun lotion** - named - for sunny days
- ♦ A named **hat** for sunny days
- ♦ School **sweatshirts**/cardigans/jumpers even on hot days
- ♦ Trainers (do not waste money on new school shoes!) - these will be removed at the door and we will spend the time inside the building with just socks on. This means we don't need lots of changes of clothes and footwear.
- ♦ Y5 and Y6 pupils - a named **picnic blanket**, with a waterproof backing if possible, to be left in school, for lunchtimes. (We will try to have some spare ones in school too)
- ♦ A healthy packed lunch - for any pupils not wanting to take up Chartwells meals. (No nuts please)

A **small named bag** can be brought to carry these items if necessary.

*This will enable us to be outside whenever possible, which is safer, and fun.*

*Inside school, we will have windows open and doors propped open to reduce the need to touch handles etc, and it is often very cool, even cold, inside our airy classrooms. Please do send in a **sweatshirt/jumper every day** for this reason.*

*If we plan messy/prickly activities, we may ask you to send a pair of trousers into school too.*

At **playtimes**, for PE and for outdoor lessons, we will **stay in our school uniforms**, this will help us to follow advice and reduce getting changed. **School clothes should be washed** each night where possible, or as frequently as is feasible.

Please **do not send any other items into school**, for example pens, pencils, books: any home resources will not be able to be used.

### School Meals

We have decided to return to Chartwells meal providers for this remaining four week period, but with cold meals, as we cannot make the logistics safe (with queues etc) for hot meals.

Please see the **attached Chartwells menu** for more information. (page 17)

Children will have a choice of sandwich, fruit, salad and pudding each day—we will have flexibility as our staff will serve the food produced by Chartwells, so please do not worry about the exact day on the menu!

This will be **free** for **YR, Y1, Y2, Y6 and for Rainbow children** (Key worker pupils), following the current local government guidelines. (This is for those eligible for Universal Infant free School meals, Free School meals and for the government priority age groups).

**Pupils in Y3 Y4 and Y5** will be able to **order** a Chartwells meal by using our School Money system—not by ordering through Chartwells. **The cost is therefore £2.35**. Payment will be available on School Money from Monday 15th June at midday. Please order well in advance to help us reduce wasted cost and food.

All pupils can, of course, bring a healthy packed lunch from home if that is preferred. (No nuts please). We will provide fruit snack each day for all pupils.

We say a huge **THANK YOU** to Mrs Pearmaine, supported by Mrs Wakefield, for providing our lunches during this interim period—they have been healthy and delicious! We are excited to have her back in class now, to support us in the learning and in keeping everyone safe.

## Help to prepare your children for a different sort of school day

For many of us, we will have to get used to **new routines** again. If you can be prepared for this with your children, with a good breakfast routine so that you are not rushing in the mornings, a relaxing after school time and a calm, consistent bedtime routine, that will help us all! **Talking** about what it will be like and helping children to visualise their day may help – you know your own children and what will help them to settle.

Children will, of course, pick up on any of your **anxieties**, so we hope that you can help to reassure them that school will be fun and safe, but different, for the next few weeks. We will not expect everyone to remember (or even have done) every bit of learning from the website since we 'closed' in March! Everyone will have learnt different things and we are looking forward to sharing this.

Our teachers are planning some learning where we will focus on some **key skills, understanding and knowledge** which will prepare them well for their next class and help build their confidence in school again.

**Please let us know of any significant changes in circumstances or needs – family members who have been or are poorly etc.**

*Children should expect their **classrooms** to look different—take a look at the photos on the website Home learning pages to help you all to visualise this. We are **moving around** less and working less collaboratively. Children will not move around school in corridors or enter other rooms throughout the day, apart from KS2 Rainbow Group, who will pass through Maple Classroom to get outside, safely within the grounds.*

*Children may not be with their **usual school adults** at all times, and many will find this a little unsettling, as we rely heavily on our relationships and knowing one another well. They **may** also have a different **social mix** of children in the group, and may be used to feeling safe at home, with lots of one:one attention.*

**All our staff are first aid trained. We will ensure that the grown ups teaching or leading the groups are aware of any medical or SEND needs the children have. Please do ensure we have up to date inhalers in school, and up to date medication & information, particularly if needs have changed since March.**

Please rest assured that we have very clear priorities: everyone's **health and safety**, everyone's **happiness** and **mental well-being** with **learning** coming a very important close third!

We have thought long and hard about our provision and believe that it is the best that we can offer for these reasons, given the risk of viral infection and the government's ambition for fuller school opening for all pupils, whilst prioritising YR, Y1 and Y6.

Our **School Grown Ups** have been very careful to keep themselves and the school safe by staying away from other people. We are all maintaining strict hygiene rules in school and using lots of soap! We are using the staff room but spacing ourselves out.

Only one other person is allowed in the office so that **Mrs Bailey and Mrs Shears** are safe. Mrs Bailey will be in school every Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Shears is returning, and will be in each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

We are working together in a new way, again. We are teaching, cleaning & sanitising, supporting home learning and planning, often with children other than our own classes. We have done our best to keep children with familiar grown ups who have expertise with their age group and with the children.

**No unnecessary visitors will be allowed into the building.**

Please communicate as much as possible by **email**. **Phone calls are good too, in the mornings please**, when Mrs Bailey is available. We are hoping to avoid lots of face to face office queries, but are allowing **one person a time** into the school entrance area, where our staff will stay behind the glass window.

## Risk Management

We will use our **school grounds** to space children out. We are very lucky that we will still have plenty of room to have fun and play safely. We will encourage games which are less contact based than others where possible, but we cannot come close to guaranteeing social distancing inside, and certainly not outside whilst at play. These small increases in risk are balanced against the vital social need of our children to chat with one another, play and feel 'normal' during these potentially scary times.

## What to do once you have made your decision about returning to school

We hope that this information has helped you to come to a decision with which you are comfortable. Please let us know if your child **will not be returning** to school using the form which will be circulated shortly after this newsletter.

Order your lunches from School Money if you are taking them, if you are in Y3, Y4 or Y5 (& not a key worker pupil).

If you are in YR, Y1, Y2, Y6 or a Rainbow child, please let us know, during the week next week, if you DO NOT REQUIRE a Chartwells lunch for the final four weeks —this has cost implications for school.

Please do not have Chartwells some days and packed lunch some days as this causes wasted food and money.

We have planned for a full return, as we know that some families have been, understandably, uncertain about this decision and some may still be 'shielding'. Please do be encouraged by our detailed planning, and let us know if you have any queries: [head@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:head@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk) or [office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)

Once again, thank you for your support. There has been some super learning at school and in homes during the last twelve weeks and we have plans for more.

Please remember to provide information from home learning for your child's **report** — information about this is on the next page.  
Thank you.

### For your diaries —

We originally had an INSET days planned for 1st June and 1st July, but staff have agreed to open school, as this will avoid confusion and make it easier for all our families.

### In the meantime:

- ♦ **Remain positive**
- ♦ Stay as **safe** as possible:
  - ♦ Be very vigilant in shops, for example, where some people are 'letting their guard down'.
  - ♦ Avoid any crowded spaces.
  - ♦ Maintain the hygiene advice in your homes.
  - ♦ Eat and drink healthily.
  - ♦ Get plenty of exercise, outdoors if you can do this safely.
  - ♦ When you send your children back to school, we want all the children to be as low a threat to one another as possible - we are currently all being so careful and are concerned about relaxing this.
- ♦ **Manage the information you share with children** at this time: help them to understand that things may change.
- ♦ Stay abreast of news and data (without alarming your children or becoming overly worried yourselves).

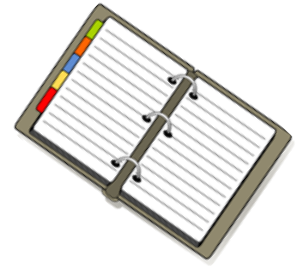


## Diary Dates 2020

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

Autumn Term 2020 : Monday 7th September—Friday 18th December

Half term holiday: October 26th—30th



## 2020 INSET days

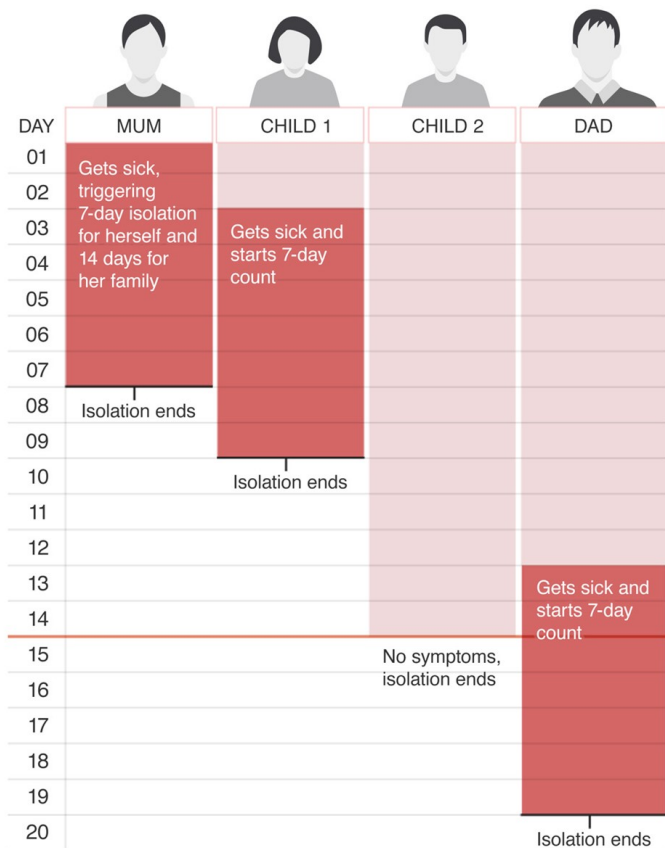
Monday 1st June and Wednesday 1st July—CANCELLED

Monday 20th July

Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September 2020

If anyone in your family has symptoms, keep your child off school, let us know and follow the isolation rules.

### What happens if someone in your family gets sick?



	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

Source: Public Health England advice

BBC

## Some Background to our Decision Making

We believe that, although YR, Y1 and Y6 are critical year groups in terms of their education, every pupil will benefit greatly from being back in school, even for a few days, before the end of the academic year.

Our decisions and planning process has involved every member of staff throughout and has caused great anguish at times. Our team are strong and determined to do the right thing for the children, even if this is not the easiest route to take, even when doing this safely means a huge amount of additional precautions and sanitising etc. I take my hat off to every one of our staff for their willingness to put the children first, to learn and try new things themselves and to adapt to change at lightning pace, trusting in our aims and vision. We are a small school and there are a lot of big hearts here - perhaps have another listen to our school song before you read on!

I have been listening to the news this week and throughout, and wonder if the headlines might be confusing for people. For example, it has been widely reported that Wales are having four weeks of schools being open to all pupils: what is meant is that they are opening for all year groups, but many children will have three out of twenty days in school..... There are many other misleading reports and headlines. There is still conflicting information about the impact of our country's relatively late lockdown and the potentially early easing of restrictions, and understandable pressures from families, business and other sectors to move quickly to relaxing measures.

My rationale and thinking behind our plans for the next phase is based on the desire to bring the school community together as much as possible before we break for the Summer holidays, if we can do so safely. The government's current position is clear from the following excerpts and from the NAHT response, which I have copied below.

You will also hear from the media that some are calling for education over the summer holidays: this will receive mixed responses from families. At least one child we know burst into tears at the prospect of this, feeling that he is working hard at home and it is very stressful at the moment. My personal and professional opinion on this matter is that the children, families and staff need a break from schooling, wherever schooling may be happening. They all need a break from the actual schooling and from the emotional impact of feeling one should, or could, be doing more, whilst trying to work and run a household, etc.

I strongly believe that the priority for children and families over the holiday period should be 'switching off' from these pressures, whilst ensuring they are well prepared for September. We do not know **how** school will be open in September, but it **will** be open. If children return refreshed, happy and ready to learn, we can achieve a lot with every pupil. If they return feeling tired and anxious about their learning, our work with them will be compromised further.

We will be providing some ideas about what your children should be concentrating on in order to be ready for their next school phase - this will be reading, some core mental maths skills, physical development (running on the beach for example, or playing catch in the garden!)

## Some Key Information Guiding our Decisions

This is the most pertinent part of **Gavin Williamson's speech from Monday 8th June**:

*We continue to follow the best scientific advice and believe that this cautious, phased return is the most sensible course of action to take. While we are not able to welcome all primary children back for a full month before the summer, we continue to work with the sector on the next steps, where we would like schools that have the capacity to bring back more children—in those smaller class sizes—to do so if they are able to before the summer holidays.*

And in his **answer to Rebecca Longbailey**:

*If the evidence starts to point to the fact that we need to close down schools in small clusters as a result of this, obviously that is the action that we will take, but only on the best advice from PHE. At the moment, the advice from PHE and SAGE is that all schools can open and that they should open.*

Please see link below for more details:

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2020-06-09/debates/1FB411B2-E5C6-4E6B-A9F2-1DD8F5F5E8B1/EducationSettingsWiderOpening>

The text below is taken from National Association of Headteachers (**NAHT**) in response to Gavin Williamson:

*Our response to the government's statement on plans for the full opening of primary schools*

*Today the Secretary of State for Education clarified the position regarding the full opening of primary schools for a month before the end of term. He accepted that schools cannot welcome back all students, but went on to say that if schools have capacity the government would like to see schools bring back more children before the end of term. The Secretary of State has undertaken to work with the sector on this.*

I am also scrutinising local WSCC and other union advice and guidance, each day, of course. Interestingly, WSCC are in favour of prioritising key worker pupils, as some schools have been unable to do this effectively. They are also prioritising the YR, Y1 and Y6 model, as many schools have not been able to provide this either. Wednesday's WSCC briefing contradicts the national stance and the paper states:

*We support the stance that our primary schools do not phase back year groups other than those in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 6 at this side of the summer break. If some schools had planned to extend the reach into other year groups as part of this planned phased return, could I ask you to reflect on this. It may be that, where this was a plan, such plans may need to be revised and where this creates additional space, that this is used for additional children in the core year groups, vulnerable, or the children of critical workers.*

At West Dean CE Primary School, believe we can open safely for all pupils for part of each week and are committed to doing so, whilst providing full time places for key worker pupils and prioritising YR, Y1 and Y6 pupils.

Thank you all for your comments and support.

## LET'S CELEBRATE YOUR CHILD'S HOME LEARNING!

Please do this straight away if you have not already submitted it—teachers are waiting to finalise their reports, and submit them to Mrs Moss for her comments, so that we can let you have the whole reports by the end of July.

We are completing the electronic reports over the next few weeks and would like to invite you to send in information from home. Don't worry - it won't take long and it won't be too hard!

(NB - if your child is in school with us at the moment, please just complete the parent/carer comment)

### PHOTOS:

Please email to school 3 or 4 photos of work your child is proud of, and your comments. Ideally, send a very brief comment explaining each photo - what the learning is and why you are proud of it! NB: NOTE THE EMAIL ADDRESSES TO USE BELOW

We would like, please:

- One photo of your child reading something they have enjoyed, found a challenge or feel they have learnt a lot from.
- One photo of some wonderful writing - maybe even with some of your child's editing on it.
- One photo of some marvellous maths, which could be written or practical.
- One photo of some other learning which was particularly memorable and full of learning.
- Your 'grown up's' comments (you could tell us what they have enjoyed, persevered with, learnt, improved in, excelled in or spent lots of time on - please send a photo of your comments so that we can insert it easily)
- Your child's comments (as appropriate - for YR children, please use your judgement about this! Please send a photo of this too, for formatting reasons. )
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Please use this format, or something very similar, for comments, which can be printed if you like or presented in any way you like! Children may need additional prompts or just a 'blank piece of

Parent/Carer Comment
During Home Learning.....

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Pupil Comment
During Home Learning.....

This format has more support, more prompts:

Pupil Comment
During Home Learning, I have enjoyed.....
I have learnt .....
I have persevered with .....
Next year, I am looking forward to .....

Once you have completed your comments, please just take a photo of them and attach them to an email. (This is the easiest way for us to format them for the reports)

Email addresses for submitting comments and photos:

[appleclass1@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:appleclass1@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk) (Be careful to add the 1 please or your email will go astray!)

[mapleclass@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:mapleclass@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)

[beechclass@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:beechclass@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)

[chestnutclass@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:chestnutclass@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk)

Thank you very much for your support in this. It will be an important record of this very 'different' and memorable year for our children. We want them to remember the positives and the achievements.

Later this term, we will be doing some time capsule work, linked to the Chichester Records Office and a local museum, as well as finding lots more memorable and positive ways to capture our learning and our lives for 2020.



## 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 12th June 2020**

**Oliver** - for super mathematics; enjoying working independently to find percentages of amount and to learn how use algebra with great success. Well done!

**Richard** - for his effort and success with completing home learning activities, always trying to complete all the weekly activities on our class page - well done!

**Nova** - for creating such imaginative ways of documenting and show-casing her home learning

**Elizabeth** - for engaging in such an interesting and in-depth book discussion - well done!

**Zebby** - For his continuous hard work at home. He has produced fantastic work, his newspaper article was amazing! It has also been lovely to see him enjoying and sharing his collection of Tin Tin books.



**Blaise** - for his incredible drawing ability and for inspiring others to draw

**Solomon** - for working so hard at home and for the amazing pirate ship den in his garden!

## HOME LEARNING USING THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

New for this week: this provision is changing over the coming weeks as we will be teaching full time from 22nd June. Some website and home learning support will still be available—teachers will explain this on their class pages.

### 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.*

## 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](http://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](mailto:westdeanpta@outlook.com) or contact the school office ([office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Chartwells Menu for June & July

These weeks are rotated to give variety.

Our school staff will have flexibility with serving if there is a fruit or salad or sandwich filling preference—we can make sure that there is something your child will like, even if it is not on the menu for that exact day!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Sandwich</b>	Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo
<b>Vegetable</b>	Cucumber & pepper Sticks	Tomatoes & Cucumbers	Cucumber & pepper Sticks	Tomatoes & Cucumbers	Cucumber & pepper Sticks
<b>Fruit</b>	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit
<b>Dessert</b>	Mandarin Marble Cake	Mini Yoghurt	Farmhouse Fruit Slice	Muesli Flapjack	Ambrosia Custard Pot

**Milk or Water available daily**

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<b>Fruit</b>	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit
<b>Dessert</b>	Mini Yoghurt	Farmhouse Fruit Slice	Muesli Flapjack	Ambrosia Custard Pot	Cranberry Shortbread

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