



**Goring Church of England
(Aided) Primary School**
Faith, Love and Learning

6 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

National Lockdown

In line with the recent Government announcement, school will remain open during the current national lockdown and children are required to attend every day as usual unless they are unwell or have to self-isolate according to PHE advice. A review of our protective measures has been undertaken to maintain the safety of the school community and the children have had explicit reminders on their return after half term, of the importance of daily hygiene routines etc. I am aware that as time goes on sometimes complacency can creep in, so I would ask that you actively play your part by ensuring social distancing in and around the school site and adherence to existing government guidelines. We have had no confirmed cases so far in school however prompt and appropriate action will be taken should a positive case be reported to us.

Current research would suggest that Corona virus is spread more easily through the air than contact with surfaces. We do ensure that all rooms are well ventilated to minimize the risk of potential transmission, however as the colder weather sets in and general classroom temperatures are compromised I would advise you to ensure your child wears a vest or a thermal base layer (possibly long sleeved) to keep them warm.

Community Hub Support for Families in Need

Families who may need support during lockdown and the upcoming winter can contact the Council's Community Hub, which is there to provide help during the COVID pandemic.

The Community Hub, which was set up in March 2020, gives practical support and information to anyone adversely affected by COVID-19, which could include the provision of food and essential household supplies.

Contact is totally confidential and is available seven days a week, between 8am and 8pm when staff will be on hand to respond to enquiries.

You can find more information and request support online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/covid19communityhub or to speak to someone call: 033 022 27980.

Parent consultation meetings

The response to our new virtual meetings was overwhelmingly positive from all involved although the benefits of direct personal contact was certainly missed by staff. Thank you for working with us as we made this adjustment to online meetings and for your patience if you experienced any technical 'hitches'. We will be reviewing how this approach could be improved in case we need to implement it again in the future. If you were unable to make/keep an appointment, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient alternative time.

Personal Social Health Education

During the coming weeks your child will be involved in a variety of activities which will help them understand and explore aspects of equality, safety and positive social interactions. Attached is an overview of your child's 'Feeling Good Feeling Safe' sessions to enable you to be actively involved in your child's learning.

Individual and Sibling Photographs

Reminder:

Please return all orders for photographs with payment to school by Wednesday 11 November 3pm

Diocesan Funding

We were delighted to receive funding from the Diocese recently to create a sensory/calm room as well as a dedicated Inclusion Leader office. The sensory room is already having a positive impact on outcomes for the children and Miss Senior's mental health and wellbeing has been given a boost as she can now meet parents and work in a quiet space.

Uniform

As the winter approaches your child may require a tracksuit for outdoor PE – please ensure it is either plain navy blue or black.

INSET day

Friday 13th November

Yours sincerely

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