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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to provide you with a further update regarding the action we are taking as a school following the latest government advice about COVID-19 Coronavirus.

The health, safety and wellbeing of staff, pupils and our wider school community is our priority. We know that parents will be concerned and I can reassure you we are continuing to follow advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England in order to do all we can to prevent and manage sickness.

As of today, we will be reducing non-essential contact with others and social gatherings in school. This includes reducing assemblies and carpet times, as well as making changes to the organisation of breaktimes and lunchtimes.

We have also taken the decision to cancel or postpone any non-essential events in the school calendar between now and the end of this term.

The most imminent of these events is parent consultation meetings due to take place today for Beech Class with Ms Rozental and on Thursday for the rest of the school. These will now take the form of telephone consultations and further communication about arrangements for these will follow shortly.

Forthcoming events that will also be cancelled include the EYFS (Maple Class) library visit, the science fair, the Year 5 assembly, Cowbell assembly, celebration of learning and EYFS and Key Stage 1 spring assemblies. Year 6 and Year 2 SATs information meetings for parents will not go ahead this term and instead information will be uploaded to our website with an opportunity for parents to submit questions – again, more information will follow in due course.

These are not decisions we have taken lightly and we apologise for any inconvenience or disappointment this may cause.

Before and after school clubs will continue as usual at this time (apart from cricket run by Mr Davies) unless you are otherwise notified, including After School Care Club. We anticipate LASP sports events will be cancelled and will let you know once we have confirmation of this.

We will continue to keep you up to date via ParentMail and also ask that you regularly check the calendar on our school website.



As per previous communication, we have set up an area to access activities that can be completed at home in case of school closure for a prolonged period. Visit <https://www.summerlea.w-sussex.sch.uk/> > Learning Zone > Continuation of Learning and then select the relevant year group. Content will only be populated if we are closed and we will notify parents when this has been updated.

On this page, we have also put links to key Homework and Home Learning and resources that will support this. If your child is absent from school, but not presenting any symptoms, we will provide work for them as soon as possible – in the meantime, please do access these links. In addition, there are links and resources you may find useful when talking to your child at home, including an assembly presentation we have shared with the children. This content is accessible now.

Government guidance now stipulates that anyone who lives with someone who has a new persistent cough and/or a high temperature should stay at home for 14 days. Please do not take offence when you are asked to wash your hands if you come into the school to volunteer and please respect people's personal space.

A reminder that the DfE have launched a helpline to manage the flow of increasing queries from providers, parents and young people. The helpline number is: 0800 046 8687 Opening hours: 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

Finally, please see below a message from Paul Wagstaff, West Sussex County Council's Director of Education and Skills.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

*Helen Morris*

Mrs Helen Morris  
Headteacher

***“Dear Parents and Carers,***

***Schools currently remain open and will aim to do so until advised by the Department for Education and Public Health England.***

***However, following the latest government announcement, there has been a change to the advice on self-isolation and vulnerable groups.***

***If you and your child are well, please continue to come to school.***

***If you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms then all members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days.***

***The symptoms are: a new persistent cough and/or a high temperature.***

***The following groups are also requested to remain at home.***

- ***Age >70***
- ***Adults who are eligible for a free flu vaccination due to a long-term health condition***
- ***Those who are immunocompromised***

***For further information, please [visit the West Sussex County Council website](#) - which also includes links to the latest government advice.***

***This is a fast moving situation and we will continue to update when we have more information.” Paul Wagstaff***