



Herne Bay Infant School and Seashells Nursery

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Dear Families,

Re: Coronavirus update – School provision

Thank you for your co-operation in complying with the guidance which we have been issued by the Government regarding the start of a new lockdown.

As you can appreciate, it has been a busy start to my time here at Herne Bay Infants. However, I have been overwhelmed by the dedication of the staff and the support of parents in ensuring that our children remain happy and ready to learn in school.

As stipulated in the letter you received on Monday evening, the school will continue to be open to any pupil whose parent/guardian is identified as a critical worker and for children with an EHCP or under the support of social care. Please refer to the list issued on Monday evening.

To ensure our staff can maintain a consistent and secure learning environment for our children during these uncertain times, we recommend that you make use of your critical worker place for the full week available. This will also ensure that teachers can plan their provision effectively.

Drop off and pick up

In order to make the full use of our learning time in school, we will slightly alter the drop off times for the year groups.

As of Monday, we will be opening our gates at 8:50 – 9:00. You may drop off your children between these times at the corresponding gates where they will be met by staff.

Year R – Gate 6 (Arkely Road)

Year 1 – Gate 2 (Stanley Road)

Year 2 – Gate 4 (Stanley Road)

Please continue to wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting your child and try to maintain social distancing as much as possible.

All children will finish school at 3:00pm where they can be collected from the same gate as where they were dropped off. We ask that parents form an orderly queue and be patient whilst staff ensure that children are collected safely.

The Drop off and pick up for Seashells Nursery remains as it is currently operating.

School Uniform

In contrast to the previous lockdown, we will require all children to arrive in school uniform. We will inform you of your child's PE day in due course.

We are continuing to ensure your child's environment is as safe as possible with regular handwashing, cleaning of surfaces and sufficient ventilation. Should your child require another jumper or cardigan in addition to their usual uniform, please feel free to provide this for them.

Home learning

Teachers are working hard to collate appropriate and accessible home learning. We will keep you updated with any changes that we make.

I will contact you with any further updates in due course. In the meantime, should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jo Heath', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Jo Heath
Head of School