



West Green Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Sorry to be writing to you again so soon about lockdown and Covid-19, but there are now some newly published guidelines for schools that we have had to work rapidly to put in place.

Firstly, we would like to reassure you that it is our intention to remain open during our core hours for **all** pupils for as long as we are able to do so. We have no plans to introduce any rotas or part-time timetables. Home learning will be available for any pupils who have to isolate through the CGP books we have provided, and via Class Dojo.

Sports Clubs and Catch-up Clubs – IMPORTANT

The government has stated that all out of school activities (other than wrap-around childcare, which we sadly do not provide) should close for face-to-face provision for the duration of the national restrictions.

This means that from Monday, 9th November 2020, there will be no sport clubs after school, and we will not be starting our catch-up clubs either.

We are deeply sorry for having to do this, however, as a government maintained school we have no choice but to follow government policy regarding this.

Curriculum

Throughout this situation, we have increased the cleaning regime in the school, including sanitising and resting equipment that we use for the curriculum. The new guidance re-emphasises cleaning and hygiene in PE lessons.

We will continue to ask that children come in to school in their PE kit on PE days. As one of our best ways of reducing the risk of virus transmission is ventilating the building, we ask that children continue to 'layer up'. Uniform requirements are relaxed a bit during this time, but please do your best to keep it green/grey/black/white.

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Christmas Cards and bringing other items into school

We will not be having our usual Christmas card postbox as the cards have to be sorted and delivered, a job we usually give to Year 6 pupil at lunchtime. Due to the way we are using spaces at lunchtime, and to stop any risk where objects are handled multiple times in a short space of time by several individuals, we have had to rule this out. This will be the case even if lockdown finishes before Christmas. If you wish to send Christmas cards, please do so out of school.

We also ask that children do not bring toys or other unnecessary items into school. Birthday sweets or cakes are still fine, as long as they are purchased rather than home-made, and are individually wrapped.

Risk Assessment

Obviously, we will be updating our risk assessments to reflect all of the new guidance. This information will be available on the school website shortly.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Hodgson" followed by a long, sweeping horizontal flourish.

Mr A Hodgson
Head Teacher
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