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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been comforting to see so many children this week, either in school or on the screen in the classrooms. It has been a week of much learning—for us as a staff, for you as parents and for the children too. We are adjusting to lots of new things and have made a great start to our home learning.

Staff in school will continue to fine tune the Google Classroom work, but the 'set up' will remain as it is now, for the coming weeks. Your feedback has been useful as we streamline the pages and respond to questions.

Work hard, children, but also prioritise your physical health and your healthy happy minds! Get some fresh air & exercise each day and look out for my 'Spring Watch' photos coming soon.



YOGA

I am pleased to confirm that Debbie Alban has agreed to continue our Yoga sessions on Tuesday evening, 5.30-6.30, for the next 6 weeks, up to and including half term. Tuesday 12th January through to Tuesday 16th February. If you would like to take advantage of this and join in, please do join in. As previously stated, you may turn off your video and mute if you prefer to be private.

Zoom Link:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2218643518?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2218643518?pwd=aG1waFpnT3ZQSUZ4dmdPNlV1a0NIIdz09)
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It was lovely to know that a couple of parents benefited from this on Tuesday.

Chartwells Meal Arrangements:

If you are a parent of a KS2 child and you had ordered meals for the first half of the Spring term through Chartwells, you will receive a credit on your account for this.

Children of critical, keyworker families and vulnerable children in school will be provided with a Chartwells meal, if required. Families in receipt of Pupil Premium will either receive a school meal if the children are in school or a food parcel/voucher will be available for collection if they are home learning.

Home Learning

Keeping safe on line—I would like to draw your attention to the latest figures on the increase in numbers of cases of on-line abuse, against young children. Whilst you will all need some privacy at home, please do make sure you are in contact with your children when they are online. I know that this only adds to the pressures you are under, and I will find some useful resources to support you all in this, over the coming days.

For all Zoom sessions, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately and check their camera image is appropriate too—not exposing or embarrassing for them.

If you are having problems with internet access or access to appropriate devices, we may be able to help a very small number of pupils in this way.

Internet providers may remove limits on data or even reduce/waive costs, if you are home schooling: this is something worth researching and sharing in your WhatsApp groups! I hope that this comes to fruition.

Community Hub support for Families in Need

All children and families who need support during lockdown can contact the Council's Community Hub, which is there to provide help during the COVID pandemic. This 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 03302227980.

HELPING OTHERS AT CHRISTMAS

Thank you for your generosity during our Christingle Service, your donations will be made to **The Children's Society**.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

As part of our Christmas celebrations, we always think of others who may be in need. We will donate to the **Children's Society with the proceeds of our Christingle Service**

Thank you for your donations any items which vulnerable families, homeless people, and the shelters for homeless people, might find useful. We are collecting these items in boxes which hold 24 items (tins of food, shampoo/shower gel bottles etc). The boxes will then be delivered where they are most needed and you can donate money too. Please take a look at these links for more information on how to help local vulnerable people: <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/makeyourchangeount>

<https://www.chichester.co.uk/news/people/council-urges-chichester-residents-make-your-change-count-when-helping-homeless-3041682>

COVID DATA AND TRENDS LOCALLY FOR CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE

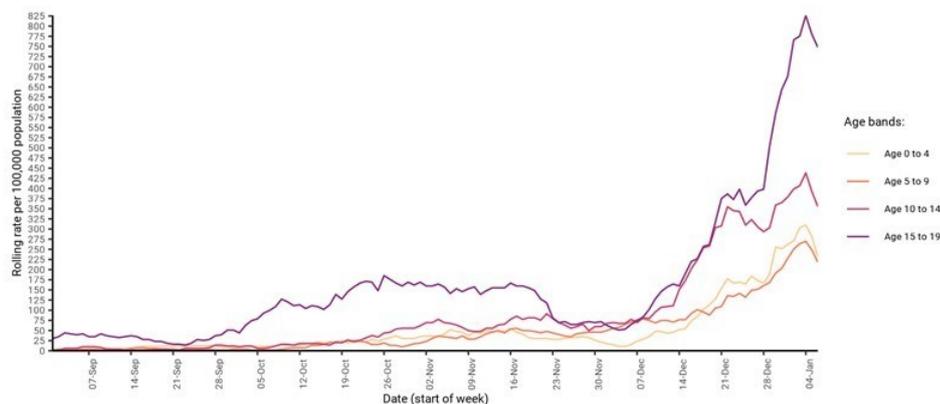
Dear parents and carers,

I am hoping to provide you with up to date data for our area, for children of school age. This is from documentation circulated to Headteachers. I hope you will find it of use.

It is supplied by: **Tony Hill, Interim Director of Public Health**

14 January 2021

7-day rate of COVID-19 cases among under 20s in West Sussex by age (from 01 Sep 2020 up to 06 Jan 2021)



Number and rate of cases of COVID-19 among children and young people (aged 0 to 19) in West Sussex to week ending 06-Jan

Area	0 to 4 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 14 years	15 to 19 years
Adur	8 (225.7 per 100k)	7 (172.2 per 100k)	17 (467.9 per 100k)	30 (979.1 per 100k)
Arun	15 (194.5 per 100k)	19 (221.2 per 100k)	32 (392.4 per 100k)	67 (936 per 100k)
Chichester	9 (160.3 per 100k)	9 (136.5 per 100k)	12 (180.5 per 100k)	26 (438.6 per 100k)
Crawley	31 (396 per 100k)	40 (480.5 per 100k)	46 (633.1 per 100k)	60 (997 per 100k)
Horsham	20 (274.9 per 100k)	10 (119.3 per 100k)	24 (271.2 per 100k)	52 (683.9 per 100k)
MidSussex	10 (118.5 per 100k)	16 (161.5 per 100k)	25 (261.5 per 100k)	56 (695.6 per 100k)
Worthing	14 (243.7 per 100k)	13 (202 per 100k)	23 (365.2 per 100k)	32 (595 per 100k)
West Sussex	107 (231.8 per 100k)	114 (218 per 100k)	179 (355.1 per 100k)	323 (747.7 per 100k)
South East	1230 (236.2 per 100k)	1441 (248.2 per 100k)	2095 (373.3 per 100k)	3501 (684.9 per 100k)
England	6807 (206.3 per 100k)	7979 (225.5 per 100k)	11231 (334.8 per 100k)	20101 (650.5 per 100k)

12 January 2021

Source: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

This week's figures show that:

- Rates are highest in **15-19 year olds** and have been since the middle of December
 - **Rates in all age groups had been increasing rapidly since the middle of December**, particularly in 15 to 19 year olds. This seems likely to be connected to the new variant
 - In the last week, in all age groups, **the rates have begun to decrease**
 - It is too early to say if this is a consistent trend, the data in the next few days will help inform this
- However, there are reasons to be hesitantly optimistic that rates may have begun to decline in response to the lockdown and its measures

Notes on the figures: they show the rolling 7-day rate (per 100,000) of cases of COVID-19 among children and young people, by 5-year age bands. We have chosen to cover the period from the 1 September 2020 when many settings reopened, until the most recent 7-day period we have data for.

From the table:

- In West Sussex, as in the South East and England as a whole, the under 20 rates of Covid are highest in the **15-19 age groups**. In West Sussex they are around twice as high as the next age group
 - Rates in 15-19s are particularly high in **Crawley, Adur and Arun**, at over 900 per 100,000, with Crawley close to 1,000 per 100,000. However these do represent relatively small numbers (there are only four more cases in 15-19s in Crawley than in Mid Sussex.)
- There is some **variation across the county**, with Chichester currently having lower rates in most of the age sub groups.

Notes on the table: the data shows the number and rate of cases of COVID-19 among children and young people under 20 in the most recent 7-day period (taking account of a built in time lag.) Using rates as well as absolute numbers enables comparison across areas with different population sizes. For example: the table shows that there were 107 new cases of COVID in 0-4s in West Sussex in the most recent week, a rate of 232 per 100,000. This was similar to the rates in the South East as a whole, but higher than the England rates. Rates allow more accurate comparison between areas as they take into account that population sizes vary. However, it is also important to bear in mind that the further populations are broken down into small sub groups (such as five year age bands), the smaller the numbers involved. Sometimes very small differences in numbers can create larger differences in rates.

Coming soon to West Dean CE Primary School

Had a sort out and got 'stuff' to hand on? Charity shops closed?

Beech Class will soon be announcing our on line

School market place, where you will be able to sell items.

50% or more of the income will come to school,

so everyone is a winner!

Looking for Christmas Gifts without going shopping?

Beech Class and a couple of willing and able parents will lead this for us. It will become beech Class's Business Enterprise work, which will help them to understand the concepts of buying and selling, profit and marketing. Please do support

Already overdone the Amazon ordering?

this as much

as you can.

Keen to support school without spending lots of

Diary Dates 2021

Spring Term 2021: Monday 4th January—Thursday 1st April

Half—Term: Monday 15th February—Friday 19th February

Summer Term 2021: Monday 19th April—Friday 23rd July

Half Term : Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June

2020/21 INSET days

Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September 2020

Monday 22nd February, Monday 7th June, Wednesday 7th July 2021

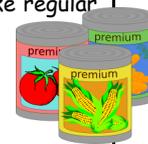
School will remain closed until further notice



Current Useful Information and Reminders:

January 2021

Thank you to everyone who supported us with donations to the **Chichester District Foodbank**; we 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.

This is currently unavailable but we will be available in the playground each afternoon—Wednesdays remain a good day to 'catch us'.

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 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.



PTA News:

If you would like to get involved in the PTA in any way please to contact westdeanpta@outlook.com or contact the school office (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.

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.

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.