



WEST KINGSDOWN NEWS

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COVID-Update

As you will be aware, we have had our first positive COVID case and have had to close a bubble. This was done with consultation from Public Health England and following a thorough risk assessment with them. Of course, this has not been an easy decision and I understand the inconvenience that this



will cause some families but we are following all national guidance on this. Information sent out this morning will give you more guidance if you need it. If your child is in any class other than Sapphire, they are able to come into school as normal. Can we take this opportunity to remind you of the following COVID guidelines at school:

- All children should remain with you at drop-off and pick-up time, they should not be running around the site.
- You should be socially distanced from other parents and families.
- Once you have dropped your child off at school or picked them up, you should leave the site immediately.
- If you need to speak to the class teacher, please e-mail them or speak to Mrs Massey in the office and she will ask them to contact you.

We are hoping that we do not need to bring other procedures into place such as the wearing of masks on the school site or even further staggered start and end times. Please help us to keep you safe by sticking to our guidelines.

Parent Consultations

We are really looking forward to speaking to parents/carers next week to share the wonderful work that your children have been doing. All Zoom links have been sent out and you should be able to use these to access the meeting.



Please remember that you will have 15 minutes with your child's class teacher(s). If for any reason you are late to your meeting, you will only have the remaining time left – you are welcome to ask for more time at a later date!

Communication with Parents

On two occasions this week we have been notified of incidents where parents have contacted others using Facebook or WhatsApp about things happening at school such as behaviour or possible COVID situations. Can we ask that any messages or communication about issues such as this, come through the school either through Mr Hulme or class teachers.

Parking

There are a number of parents that are trying to park in the car park at the front school. Can we remind you that this is for blue badge holders only and that you should not be parking in there without a blue badge or pre-agreed reason. This is to ensure the safety of all staff and children on site. Please speak to Mrs Massey or Mr Hulme if you require any further information on this.



Christmas Arrangements

We have been busy in school thinking about COVID safe activities that we can do in school to help it feel a normal Christmas! You will be aware that the PTA are doing a number of socially-distanced in school events. Key Stage 1 are preparing a recorded nativity and the whole school will have a Christingle service led by Rev. Sarah, in bubbles!

School Gateway

Please don't forget to download and start to use the School Gateway app! Currently only 27.1% parents have downloaded the app – making it difficult for us to text and e-mail effectively! This app is free to download and use and gives you a range of information about your child. If you need any help with putting it on your device, please speak to Mrs Massey in the school office!



Celebration Worship

Class	Shining Light	Lunchtime Light
Sapphire	Teddy M	Evelyn W ★★
Topaz	Alfie H	Charlie B ★★★
Crystal	Oscar K	Ruby B ★★
Diamond	Leo P	Rosie F ★★
Emerald	Adrienne P	Demi-Mae L ★★
Amethyst	Isabella H	Robyn A

'Let your light shine' Matthew (5)