



## Wendover CE Junior School

*We aim to be the school of choice at the heart of our community.*

*Through living our Christian values, all children and adults at WCEJS have the opportunity to flourish as individuals.*

*We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead and the compassion to care.*

### WCEJS Newsletter 11 September 2020

#### Our first week back!

I am sure you are relieved that children are back at school and the children seem very happy to be back. We are very pleased with the way that they have responded to the necessary precautions in place and the demands teachers have placed on them. As ever, we are monitoring the situation closely and striving to provide as safe an environment as we can. Coronavirus has not gone away; we need to work together to avoid a return to lockdown.

#### The Rule of 6

Tighter restrictions on gatherings were announced this week. Whilst these do not apply to schools and businesses, they are a stark reminder that we must continue to take precautions. Children are not considered at high risk, but parents, grandparents and staff are likely to suffer far more from COVID-19 than younger people.

#### Drop off and pick up arrangements

As from Monday 14 September arrangements are changing. Please read this information carefully.

##### Collection Times:

- Y3 collected from grass in front of Y3 classrooms at 1515
- Y5 collected from grass outside reception at 1520
- Y4 collected from grass in front of Y3 classrooms at 1525
- Y6 collected from grass outside reception at 1530

##### Collection Process:

- Children who are awaiting collection will remain on the grass in front of school; parents need to watch out for their child, collect them as soon as they see them and then leave by the one way system

##### Additional precautions:

- Consider whether you need to come to the school gate; instead, allow your child to walk from John Hampden in the morning and then meet them somewhere else on campus at the end of school day
- Please wear a face covering if collecting children from outside the school to support everyone and, in particular, parents who may be more vulnerable

##### Remember:

- Arrive at school no more than a few minutes before collection time
- Model social distancing (2m) and do not use this time as a chance to socialise
- Do not drive onto campus unless authorised to do so (additional traffic and careless parking puts our children at risk)
- Remember: Hands, Face, Space

### Health Monitoring

Continue to monitor your child's health. Do not send them into school if they are unwell, particularly if they have a temperature, a cough, are sneezing or feel sick. If they have COVID symptoms then stay at home and arrange a test. The household should also stay at home for 14 days or until a negative test result is returned.

### Communications

Please continue to use email and telephone as the main form of communication with school. Visits to the school office should be for emergencies only and not earlier than 9am. The office will continue to email and text parents with updates (we will no longer be issuing 'head-bump' letters – parents will receive a text before the end of the school day instead).

Please email the school office if there is important information we need to know about your child or family circumstance at this time.

### Parents/families of children with Special Educational Needs

Teachers and learning support assistants are getting to know the children and beginning to assess their needs. At the moment, the priorities are for the children to settle back into the routine of school and get to know the new adults around them. Learning Support Assistants have been allocated to all classes and we are putting provisions in place, whilst trying to support rather than overwhelm children.

The SENDCo, Mrs Bartlett, will be in touch soon to discuss draft targets and provision for your children. This will take a couple of weeks, so please be patient. We will start with the children with the most complex needs, who currently have EHCPs. We will most certainly be in touch with you all soon.

### Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding / welfare concern or need additional support then please contact Mrs Bartlett: [admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk](mailto:admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk) Further information is available on our website.

Thank you once more for your help and support in these frustrating times. We are optimistic and are looking forward to a positive and rewarding Autumn term.

