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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday. Please see some additional information and reminders below.

#### Lateral Flow Testing for Households of Primary School Children

Further to my letter earlier this week, this information has been received from the DfE to share with you :

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are <u>different ways</u> for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- *by collecting a home test kit from a local test site anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests*
- by ordering a home test kit online please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.











Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about any aspect of lateral flow testing.

### World Book Day at Wivelsfield

As part of our celebrations for all getting back together, we are celebrating World Book Day a week late. Don't forget to sort your book character costumes ready for **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March!** 

## Comic Relief 2021

Red noses will be on sale in classes all next week and on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March** children can come to school dressed as a superhero, or just in their everyday clothes.

Miss Glassock is planning fun events to make everyone laugh. Below she explains to the children what she wants them to do :

## Sponge a teacher!

Either just outside the main entrance, or in the reception area, you will find the opportunity to vote for a teacher to sponge (pie or ice bucket- to be decided!). All you have to do is add any coins to vote for who you want to see sponged. The teacher with the most coins will be sponged by their class and it will be broadcast live to the other classes- the only rule is you can't vote for your own class teacher.

Parents and Carers, please remember, outside or when entering the reception area, that social distance is maintained and the masks are worn

Children can also be taken to the reception area during the week to vote if they bring their coins into their classroom.

# **Best Joke Competition**

Have a good joke? Film yourself telling the joke at home and email it to hayleyg@wivelsfield.esussex.sch.uk by **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. The jokes will be added to a compilation and on Friday 19th, the school will be able to watch the jokes before the winner is announced!

Thank you to Miss Glassock for organising these events.

#### Homework

Following the successful use of Google classrooms, teachers will now be uploading homework to this platform each week. If you would prefer your child to have a 'traditional' homework book, please let you child's class teacher know.











#### Larks and Kingfishers Club

For the remainder of Term 4, wrap around care will be mainly based in the hall. This means you should drop your child off in the main reception area in the morning. In the afternoons, please ring the bell in the usual way and Miss Tuffin or Miss Brenan will bring your child to you.

Kind regards,

Helen M. Smith

Helen Smith Headteacher









