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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Remote learning and keeping in touch

I hope you all remain well and juggling home learning with other commitments is as manageable as it can be. Teachers have been delighted with the work that the children at home are doing and if you look on our seasonal events tab of the website, you can see how one of our younger pupils took on Mr Pickup's weather watching challenge!

From next week, all class teachers will be setting up a weekly zoom meeting so that all children at home can get together for a time with their peers in school. We have scheduled one meeting a week to start with, but if the meet up is too crowded, we may move to two meetings in a week, with the opportunity to join just one of them. If this is successful, these meet ups will replace phone calls, except for those children who are not able to join. However, please continue to get in touch with the school if you have anything you want to discuss.

Teachers will send instructions and links to join via google classrooms in the usual way. Please see below when your child's class will have their first meet up next week:

Robins	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am
Hedgehogs	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	9.45 am
Rabbits	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	9.15 am
Foxes	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	9.15 am
Otters	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	10.15 am
Badgers	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	11.50 am
Owls	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am



## Lateral Flow Testing for staff - Information for parents and carers of children attending school

From next week, staff at Wivelsfield Primary School will be taking part in lateral flow testing. It is hoped that the use of regular LFD tests amongst staff will help to identify those who may be positive for COVID-19, but are asymptomatic, and so break the chain of transmission. This does not replace our procedures to keep the community as safe as possible and we will continue to practise these.


If a member of staff has a positive LFD test, they need to follow this up with a PCR test (the ones taken at test centres or sent via post for laboratory analysis). They, and members of their household have to self-isolate and continue to do so unless they have a negative PCR test result. Public Health England states other contacts do not have to isolate until the LFD test result is confirmed by a positive PCR result. However, we have decided all close contacts will not be allowed into school unless and until we have confirmation of a negative PCR test result. This is likely to mean the whole bubble, where that member of staff is working, will be affected and would be closed for at least 2 – 3 days. We have decided to take this course of action this to keep the school community as safe as possible. We are advised that LFD tests should be taken by staff in the morning and because of this, should there a positive test result, we may have to let you know at short notice that your child will not be able to attend school that day. Should this be the case, we will send a text message and also try to call you by 8.00am. Remote learning will be in place for all children affected.

Except for the immediate household of the person testing positive, it is not a legal requirement for close contacts to self-isolate, unless and until there is a subsequent positive PCR test. We would ensure you knew the outcome of this subsequent test as soon as possible.

Please get in touch if you have any questions about this.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,



Helen Smith  
Headteacher

