



## General Information Newsletter 2021-22

### Term Dates.

The last day of Term 3 for the children is Friday 11th February 2022. The children return for the start of Term 4 on Monday 21st February.

### New Reception Places September 2022.

Please remember the deadline for applications for Reception places for September 2022 is 15th January 2022. Please visit the admissions section of the East Sussex website to submit your application if you have a child starting school in the next academic year.

### Lateness.

Please ensure that all children are in school on time in the morning to ensure they do not miss important introductions to their learning for the day. Key Stage 2 starts at 8.35 am and Key Stage 1 and Reception start at 8.45 am. Thank you for your support.

### ICT Acceptable Use Agreements.

Last term we sent out ICT Acceptable Use Agreements for children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 which highlighted guidelines for the appropriate use of ICT in school. There are still some agreements which have not been signed and returned. If you have not yet returned a copy for your child could we please kindly ask you to do so by Monday 17th January 2022. Further copies have been attached to this newsletter if you require one. Thank you very much for your support in this.



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the recent Christmas and New Year holidays. It is fantastic to see the children back in school and we are looking forward to an exciting term of learning ahead. I hope you enjoyed looking through the recent curriculum newsletter at the end of last term and having the opportunity to see the wide variety of learning experiences enjoyed by the children across the school. We will continue to send these newsletters on a termly basis to share with you the curriculum and children's learning across the school year as we continue to strive to provide engaging, vibrant learning experiences for our children.

Thank you very much for your continued support as we move through the current stages of the pandemic. As we have previously communicated we will continue to implement measures to minimise the risk of transmission in school, including enhanced cleaning, hygiene and ventilation. We will also continue to implement further enhanced measures if these are required at any stage.

We would please ask everyone to continue to remain vigilant to the symptoms of Covid-19 and ensure that children remain at home and only return to school if their PCR test is negative or when their period of isolation has ended. The self-isolation period is currently seven days if LFD tests on day six and seven are negative.

The following updated guidance around testing requirements comes into effect today:-

*'From 11th January in England, people who receive a positive lateral flow (LFD) test result for coronavirus (Covid-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This is a temporary measure while Covid-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of Covid-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have Covid-19.*

*Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have Covid-19 symptoms. Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test—these rules have not changed.*

*Under this new approach, anyone who receives a positive LFD result should report their test result'.*

In order to keep you aware we will continue to inform you of cases within our school community. We will communicate this through a brief Parent Mail update letting you know the classes where cases arise. Please continue to keep yourselves updated with the latest government guidance. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding. It is hugely appreciated.

### Premier League Primary Stars.

This year we will once again be working with Brighton and Hove Albion and Albion In The Community to deliver their Premier League Primary Stars Programme. Will Brickell from Albion In The Community will be working in school every Tuesday throughout this academic year and will be supporting children's learning in different areas of the school. We look forward to working with him and benefitting from this partnership with our local professional football team.



Kind regards,

Chris Davey.