



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the term draws to a close we would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your generosity, we very much appreciate all our lovely cards and gifts.

The DfE is recommending that all parents/carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- For the **first 6 days after teaching ends** (e.g. until Thursday 24th December), if a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within **48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours** since being in school (e.g. Sunday 20th December 3.30pm), the school should *not* be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing **more than 6 days** after the final day of teaching.

Please contact School Office via email should your child show any symptoms within the time-scales above, or should you have any concerns.

School Office email will be manned daily, times vary, up until Thursday 24th December.

If your child does develop symptoms, please also seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covis-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

WSCC Community Hub

For families in need over Christmas support is available by contacting WSCC Community Hub on 03302227980. Hours 08.00am – 20.00pm 7 days per week and operational throughout the Christmas holidays.

Trainee Teacher

The school is pleased to confirm that Mr MacGregor, a final year trainee teacher, will be joining KS1 for the first seven weeks of the Spring term 2021. Mr MacGregor has already been in to meet the staff and children and is looking forward to working at Ashurst.

After-School Outdoor Sports Clubs

We look forward to starting our after-school clubs in the new year, more news on our return to school.

Safeguarding

As always, should you have any concerns regarding your child/children, please contact the school as soon as possible, in order that matters may be quickly and effectively resolved. Meanwhile, best of wishes to everyone for a happy, healthy and successful end of term.

Thank you once again for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 4th January.

Kindest regards,

Mrs T Clarke and Mrs S Smith