



Newsletter

Tuesday 30th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Once again thank you for your incredible efforts to support the school in trying to widen our reopening to children in Years 2 - 5.

Yesterday, Heron Way and Kingslea received notification from Jeremy Quin that the DfE clarified their non-statutory guidance to him: they want schools to provide full time education for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 before any opportunity is given to schools to widen the offer further.

It is very sad that we will not be able to push ahead with our plans, as we believe they were rigorous, agreed by the local authority and by the DfE, and provided the best opportunities for all of our children. As it currently stands, we will now not be able to have Years 2-5 until September, at the earliest.

Both Heron Way and Kingslea have strived to prioritise the wellbeing of all children and the unwavering support from our communities suggests that this was the right approach within our locality. We have explored numerous options to try to find an alternative plan; however, plans take weeks to properly embed and the risk to implement something at this late stage is too great.

For the week of the 6th July, staff in Years 2-5 will provide a plan outlining the remote provision for children at home. We will continue to use the excellent resources provided by the Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize. For the week of the 13th July there will be a project for children to complete for their new teacher.

- Year 6 will continue to come in full-time, every day until the last day of term (17th July).
- **Reception and Year 1 Group 1** will attend school on Monday, Wednesday & Friday this week. Next week (wc 6th July) - Tuesday and Thursday, and week beginning 13th July - Monday, Wednesday & Friday .
- **Reception and Year 1 Group 2** will attend school on Tuesday & Thursday this week. Next week (wc 6th July) - Monday, Wednesday & Friday, and week of 13th July - Tuesday and Thursday.

PE days for all children will remain the same as the last four weeks.

We are aiming for Reception and Y1 to meet their new class teacher, if possible, during the last week of term.

With regards to September, I believe the government is releasing guidance on Thursday. It will probably talk about year group or class bubbles, staggered starts and ends of days and different timings for break and lunchtime, similar to what we did for the last few weeks of school before lock-down. After our recent experience with different interpretations of non-statutory guidance, my advice for the government would be for the guidance to range from compulsory to advisory, so each school knows exactly where they stand. For example 'must do in this way' and 'must do in some way but up to the school to decide how'. Once we have the guidance, we will put together our plans and ensure have unequivocal backing from West Sussex. Thank you for your continued support.

Alexis Conway and the staff of Kingslea Primary School

Gate duty

As you are all aware, myself and Mrs Payne are on the gate every morning and every day after school to welcome you to school, to answer questions and to ensure everyone leaves school safely. As you know, we are sometimes joined by teachers. Below is the end of term rota. Please do stop for a chat; Miss Burnett—Monday 6th and Thursday 9th July,

Year 3 teachers— Friday 3rd and Wednesday 8th July

Year 4 teachers—Monday 6th and Thursday 9th July

Year 5 teachers —Tuesday 7th and Friday 10th July

We are on the gates 8.25am—8.50am and 2.55pm to 3.25pm.

Book drop off

We still have many of your children's books. During the last week of term teachers will be dropping books off to your homes. The actual day and approximate time will be sent to you in the next few days. Please respond to the Parentmail if you will be in and would like the books dropped off. A free socially distanced chat between you, your child and the teacher is included in the drop off!

Year 2—Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July Year 3— Monday 13th and Thursday 16th July

Year 4—Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July Year 5— Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July

Class Allocations

Please find attached the class allocations for September 2020 I am very, very pleased with the staff team we have in place next year. It's actually the same staff team as we have this year. (Miss Morris will be returning in September as Mrs Upton). We have a very strong teaching team and have put a lot of hard work in to ensure we are fully staffed with strong, passionate teachers who will do the very best for your children. Our teachers are ably supported by our fantastic team of teaching assistants and our office staff.

Current Class		Next Year		
Rec	Miss H Stoneman	to	Year 1	Miss N Snell (1S)
Rec	Miss S Hancock	to	Year 1	Miss C Finley (1F)
Year 1	Miss N Snell	to	Year 2	Miss J Burnett (2B)
Year 1	Miss C Finley	to	Year 2	Miss E Cooper (2C)
Year 2	Miss E Cooper	to	Year 3	Mrs Smith (3S)
Year 2	Miss J Burnett	to	Year 3	Miss K Laker (3L)
Year 3	Mrs C Smith	to	Year 4	Mrs K Upton (4U)
Year 3	Miss K Laker	to	Year 4	Mr J Biggs (4B)
Year 4	Mr J Biggs	to	Year 5	Mr B King (5K)
Year 4	Miss K Morris	to	Year 5	Mrs Wingfield (5W)
Year 5	Mr B King	to	Year 6	Miss L Nicholls (6N)
Year 5	Mrs T Wingfield	to	Year 6	Miss H Whiteley (6W)