

Dear parents,

We have been so blessed this week with the weather, which has meant that social distancing and fresh air are easy to achieve, in our aim to keep us all safe at school. As the weather turns more autumnal, we will inevitably have to look at the use of the outdoor play areas and how we run our PE curriculum. Currently we are utilising the front and back fields all day every day and this will be difficult to continue into the winter months.



We are aware that now we have changed our entry times, we are clashing with Bennett Memorial School's timings, therefore Culverden Down can be difficult to navigate safely. If you are concerned about the number of parents and children on your route to school, please use a face covering, or contact us to let us know you will arrive early and wait on the school field in order to avoid the crowds.



Please can I reiterate that children can attend school with a mild cold. They only need to stay off school with sickness and/or diarrhoea or symptoms of Coronavirus, which are a persistent cough, a temperature and/or a loss of taste and smell.

If your child is sent home from school with symptoms of Coronavirus, your child and their siblings will be required to go home immediately and to isolate until the symptomatic child has received a negative test result. We are acutely aware that tests are difficult to book and postal tests take time, hence we will be putting in place remote learning for those that cannot attend school for 14 days.

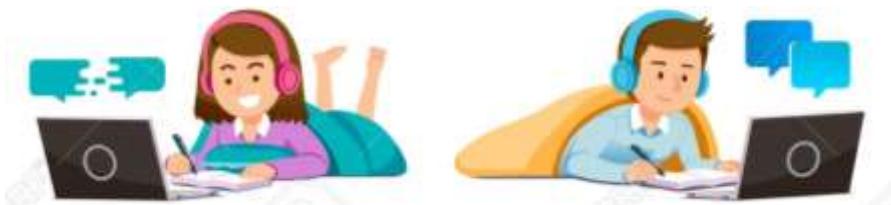
Remote Learning

The DFE has set out guidance indicating that where a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, schools are to offer access to remote education.

As of today, if your child/children are self-isolating due to a family member awaiting test results, please visit your class page on the school website. On each class page, you will find a link to Oak National Academy. Oak National Academy was launched in partnership with educational organisations to provide high quality lessons matching schools' curricula.

Over the next few days and week, we will be working to continually improve the quality of our remote education by adding lessons and relevant resources planned by your child's class teacher. We are exploring ways to have a strong contingency plan in place for remote learning by the end of September in preparation for any potential lockdowns. This aims to include interaction with the class adults and increased feedback on completed learning.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year>



A reminder for all parents driving to school and parking up, please be courteous to our neighbours and do not block their drives or bump up on their verges.



Our Reception class have had a fabulous phasing in and will go full time next week. I know the dedicated YR staff are looking forward to having them in all day and for the children to continue to be active, motivated and start to become independent learners. Mrs Gale, Class Teacher, and our Early Years Lead, is excited to begin a full curriculum with them but, more importantly, that they are happy and want to come to school every day! Good luck Reception 2020 – we think you are fabulous!



Reception Class – September 2020

We realise 4 children are missing due to sickness, we have not had a day with all 30 in just yet – but we will!

Communication with the school

A reminder that all emails to teachers need to come through the school office and teachers will reply through the office. This is partly to ensure that teachers only respond during 'office hours'; their evenings and weekends are protected for planning and most importantly, rest! In addition, it means that if there is a serious concern from a parent the Leadership team can be involved in the communication from the outset, so we can swiftly resolve issues for you or your child.



TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHILDREN'S CENTRES AUTUMN TIMETABLE

Monday 14 September - Friday 20 October

All face to face activities will follow the current government guidelines for social distancing

Week Beginning	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
NEW FAMILY ADVICE LINE - Monday-Friday between 9.00-12.00 & 1.00-16.00 Tel 03000 416 200					
14 September		Pop-Up in the Park Grosvenor & Hilbert Park (by the Café) TN1 2HU 10.00-11.30 	Family Walk with Pebble Hunt King George V Park Hawkhurst TN18 4QB 10.00-11.00 BOOKING ONLY 	Virtual Baby Group Microsoft Teams 10.00-10.45 Week 1 6 weeks 17/09-22/10/20 BOOKING ONLY 	Young Parents Buggy Walk Grosvenor & Hilbert Park TN1 2HU Meet by the Café 10.00-11.00 BOOKING ONLY
21 September		Pop-Up in the Park St Andrew's Park Paddock Wood Recreation Ground TN12 6HT 9.00-10.30 	Family Walk with Pebble Hunt Dunorlan Park: Meet in carpark, Pembury Road entrance TN2 3QN 10.00-11.00 BOOKING ONLY 	Virtual Baby Group Microsoft Teams 10.00-10.45 Week 2 BOOKING ONLY 	
28 September	Family Walk with Pebble Hunt Ball Field, Jockey Lane, Cranbrook TN17 8JN Meet by the Play Area 10.00-11.00 BOOKING ONLY	Pop-Up in the Park Paddock Wood Recreation Ground TN12 6HT 9.00-10.30 	Sing Time Live on our Facebook page 10.00 	Virtual Baby Group Microsoft Teams 10.00-10.45 Week 3 BOOKING ONLY 	

WHERE BOOKING is REQUIRED please call us on 03000 414600 or email ArkCCMail01@kent.gov.uk

