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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well and enjoying the sunshine. I have several updates to share with you this week.

Coronavirus update

We are currently utilising all of our available teaching staff so we can operate six bubble groups, each in their own classroom. Four of these bubble groups offer childcare for key worker families and identified children. To maximize the number of childcare places we can offer, we have kept siblings together and combined children from different year groups. These bubbles are currently full and we are using our booking form to evaluate whether we can offer any remaining days to children on our waiting list. Further details about our organisation can be found on our [risk assessment](#) and we always welcome any questions you may have through the school office.

As you will be aware, Government guidance continues to change daily. We are currently waiting for the Government guidance detailing what schools will look like in September. In the meantime, staff are working to plan a smooth return which addresses the most important recovery of all: the wellbeing and learning of our marvellous children.

The last day of term for children continues to be 17 July 2020. West Sussex Local Authority is hoping to be able to point parents of children needing care during the summer holidays to organisations that would normally provide such care. They are currently collating information on these groups to assist parents.

Annual reports

We have already started our end of year reporting to parents. This year our reports will detail your child's progress and attainment at the end of March 2020. The reports will be ready from 10th July. Children in school will be given their school reports and the reports for our home learning children can be collected. As always, please contact the school office if you have any questions about your child's report and they will ask your child's class teacher to call you at a mutually convenient time.

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Online safety

With many children spending more time online during lockdown, the Government has continued to update their advice and resources for keeping children safe online. They can be found here: [coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online)

Wellbeing

If your child has any worries, this website has some useful breathing exercises, yoga videos and games. <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

Going outside and connecting with nature also has positive benefits for health and wellbeing and the Outdoor Hub has some great ideas for activities <https://muddyfaces.co.uk/outdoor-hub/>

From Monday, Mr Edwards and Miss Talbot will be creating an exciting week of home learning with a focus on wellbeing and fun which we hope the children will enjoy. We will also be organizing a virtual sports day and we would love as many children as possible to take part. Information will be sent out next week and we would love to see your photos.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Charlotte Bull
Headteacher