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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

This week the attendance figures for Tuesday to Friday were 99%, 98%, 97% and 97% respectively, which is a credit to the whole school community. The rise from the beginning of term is partly down to our Reception children being in school fulltime now but this figure is still well above the national average and consistent across all year groups. The Reception class are doing incredibly well and we are very pleased to have them all join Rushwick Primary School. Another big welcome to the many new children and families who have joined us throughout the school over these past weeks – it is lovely to have you join our community and we hope you will be very happy with us. From Monday the school will have 166 pupils on role, a year on year rise that along with the excellent attendance levels demonstrates that Rushwick School is at the heart of a thriving community.

Parents Consultations

Unfortunately, following a further review of our Covid-19 risk assessment against the latest government measures, it has been deemed that having parents / carers attending in person is not appropriate at this stage in the pandemic. Instead, we will be offering consultations either remotely (using Zoom) or via telephone. The consultations will begin from the week beginning Monday 12th October spread over a two week period. Consultations during the two week window will be strictly limited to one per child.

To organise a consultation you will need to contact your child's class teacher via their online learning platform (Microsoft teams or Class Dojo). You need to tell them which date and time you would prefer (See table below for allotted days) and whether you would like a virtual conference held over Zoom or a telephone conversation. Appointments will be 10 minutes in length and allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Mrs Stephens will contact Reception parents directly with your individual parent consultation arrangements.

Year Groups	Dates	Time slot
Years 1 and 2	Monday 12 th and Tuesday 13 th October	3:30 – 6:00 pm
Years 3 and 4	Wednesday 14 th and Thursday 15 th October	3:30 – 6:00 pm
Years 5 and 6	Wednesday 21 st and Thursday 22 nd October	3:30 – 6:00 pm

Remote Learning

In the event of individuals needing to self-isolate, or 'bubbles' (or the whole school) having to be locked down for a period of time, the school's Remote Learning Policy will come into operation for every child involved. The aim of this policy is to ensure all children continue to engage in quality daily learning and interaction with their teachers. We urge parents / carers to read this important document, alongside the 'e-safety' policy and Acceptable Use Agreement, as it explains how the virtual school day will be operating and what is expected of pupils, staff and parents /guardians on a daily basis. This policy can all viewed on the school website in the 'essential documents' section.

The school aims to ensure that pupils have good access to ICT but we are also committed to providing a blend with more traditional learning experiences to make sure they do not spend hours upon end in front of screens. The children and staff are also committed to adhering to their respective Acceptable Use Agreement and we ask parents / carers to demonstrate similar observance to ensure:

- The children will be responsible users and stay safe while using ICT (especially the internet).
- School ICT systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- Parents and carers are aware of the importance of e-safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their on-line behaviour.

Parent Governor Vacancy

The school has a vacancy for a parent governor to join a committed and caring team of governors. We warmly invite you to nominate parents/carers to fill the vacancy for this important role. The governing body plays a significant part in the development and management of the school, helping to form policy, set priorities and oversee the budget. Further information can be found on the school website under 'Letters to Parents'.

Drop off and Collection

Roadworks are planned on Christine Avenue next week so it is even more important that families consider the option of walking or cycling to school. If a car is absolutely necessary please take care and avoid obstructing access points or parking on the zig-zag lines that are there to keep the children safe. The school carpark is not to be used at any time for dropping off, unless the parking bays are needed for family members with accessibility needs. Please also remember for there to be just one adult dropping off/collecting each child please. There have been a couple of driving related verbal exchanges reported as happening outside the school gates. We politely remind people that this is highly inappropriate outside our school and is certainly not in keeping with this community's deserved reputation for being a secure and caring place for children and adults to live and work in.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Jeffrey (Headteacher)