



17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Schools currently remain open and will aim to do so until advised by the Department for Education and Public Health England, or if staffing levels permit us from opening safely.

There will be a few changes.

- After today, all after school clubs will be cancelled until further notice.
- Collective Worship will take place in classrooms rather than as a whole school.
- The two planned sporting activities for year 5/6 – ultimate Frisbee and quicksticks Hockey will not take place
- We will not be able to hold our Mother's Day Service on Friday
- The planned workshop from Petworth House has been postponed

We plan to go ahead with Parent's evening appointments tomorrow (a decision will be made about next week at a later date). If you would rather not attend your appointment, would you please let the school know in advance so that teachers are not waiting unnecessarily. Please do not email the office, as currently we are not able to check the office emails.

In the event that we have to close, work will be set and available via the school website.

I am hoping to set up a group email so that I can send information direct to you. Please return the slip with your email address tomorrow so that I can set this up. Emails will come from head@boxgrove.w-sussex.sch.uk Emails to this address will be answered within 48hrs as far as possible but I am sure you understand that I need to be available to the staff and children in school as the first priority. Your email address will only be used to send communications, related to current school issues.

Following the latest government announcement, there has been a change to the advice on self-isolation and vulnerable groups.

If you and your child are well, please continue to come to school.

If you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms then all members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days.

The symptoms are: a new persistent cough and/or a high temperature.

The following groups are also requested to remain at home.

- Age >70
- Adults who are eligible for a free flu vaccination due to a long-term health condition
- Those who are immunocompromised

For further information, please visit the West Sussex County Council website - which also includes links to the latest government advice. If you are not sure if your child should be in school, please check out the official advice.

This is a fast moving situation and we will continue to update when we have more information.

Yours Sincerely,

Jacqui Dommett

Head teacher

Email reply slip

I would like to be kept informed via email of school news. I give permission for my email to be used in this way.

Name.....

Child's name.....

Email address.....