



Dear Parents,

I am sure that you have all heard the Prime Minister's announcement that it will not be possible to open schools in England after February half-term. I just wanted to reassure you that the remote learning provision will continue as it is at present for all our pupils working at home or accessing this through school.

We are doing our very best to keep our children and staff as safe as possible and regularly review the procedures and controls that we have in place. One area that we are carefully managing is the number of children attending school in each year group bubble. In order to deliver high quality remote learning to our families who are at home we do not have the capacity to increase the number of bubbles that we have in school. This means that the number of pupils in each school bubble is higher than in the previous lockdown.

As per the Government Guidance, we continue to remain open for children of workers critical to the COVID-19 and EU transition response and those who are vulnerable, however, Government advice since the start of this lockdown phase has changed and parents and carers are now being advised to keep children at home if they can.

Please can we kindly ask that if your child attends school and your family circumstances change, and a place in school is no longer a necessity for your child, that you keep your child home whenever possible. We thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our community as safe as we can.

Kind regards
Lindsay McCarthy Headteacher

Important information regarding reporting positive Covid-19 cases during February half term for pupils still attending school. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. In these circumstances, please email l.mccarthy@parkgate.hants.sch.uk reporting your child's name (who has a positive result), their class, the date that they first showed symptoms, the date that your child was last at school and the date that the positive result was given. I will check my emails daily at 2pm and then take the relevant action required. Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Please email adminoffice@parkgate.hants.sch.uk on the 22nd February if your child is self-isolating when we return to school and to report any further positive cases where symptoms developed more than 48 hours since being in school.

Local Food Banks

I know this is a difficult time for many families and I just wanted to make you aware of some local food banks that can help;

Hedge End Food Bank 07543925959

Waypoint Hub (Waypoint Church) 01489 579669

Fareham and Gosport Food Bank 07826 305900



Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and the children will be invited through their Teams to watch a virtual assembly at 9am on Monday 1st Feb. The assembly will bring the nation's children together (virtually) with a positive message about the power of creative self-expression. Famous faces and contributors will also be taking part live from their homes. Further details about the week's events and the Friday 'Park Gate Pause' can be found in the letter sent home today.



Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

It gives me great pleasure to announce our Values Ambassadors...

Chestnut Class - Harvey...**Achievement**...*such hard work in maths, using symbols, pictures and numbers.*

Willow Class - Arthur...**Achievement**...*solving addition number problems using doughnuts!*

Apple Class - Harrison...**Resilience**...*showing so much resilience with his learning. A superstar!*

Cherry Class - Jessica...**Excellence**...*making excellent progress in reading and working super hard.*

Lime Class - Nellie...**Achievement**...*fantastic participation in the live handwriting lesson—great gorillas and meerkats!*

Holly Class - Tessa...**Achievement**...*writing a brilliant apology letter to the three bears from Goldilocks.*

Cedar Class - Fleur...**Excellence & Resilience**...*Super remote learning. Miss Flood is so proud.*

Silver Birch Class - Rhys...**Aspiration**...*creative and imaginative comparisons used when creating similes*

Hazel Class - Chloe...**Achievement**...*working so hard on her writing about the digestive system.*

Yew Class - Harry...**Achievement**...*working so hard on his writing about the digestive system.*

Juniper Class - Isla Si...**Excellence**...*superb understanding of 'how fossils are made', clearly explaining the process.*

Sycamore Class - Isla Se...**Excellence**...*showing excellence in all of her work and her creative fossil storyboard.*

Maple Class - Logan...**Excellence**...*excellent effort and engagement all week—an outstanding member of the team.*

Oak Class - Grace...**Resilience**...*working really hard in maths this week.*



Diary Dates

Confirmed Dates for 20/21

New Tour of the school and Welcome Meeting available on the website and Facebook page.

Date	Event
Monday 4th January 2021	Return to School
Monday 15th—Friday 19th February 2021	Half Term
Wednesday 17th March 2021 6pm Cancelled	Year 3/4 Show (if guidelines allow) We will move this project to the Summer Term
Thursday 18th March 2021 6pm Cancelled	Year 3/4 Show (if guidelines allow) We will move this project to the Summer Term
WB: Monday 22nd March 2021	Parents Evenings
Friday 2nd April—Friday 16th April 2021	Easter Holidays
Monday 19th April 2021	Day Closure for Staff Training
Friday 23rd July 2021	Day Closure for Staff Training

New dates/information will be added in blue.