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# Newsletter 12

*Learning God's Way*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to start our second full week with all the children coming back so happy and cheerful.

We continue to take all precautions to keep everyone safe and handwashing, social distancing where possible and reminders are part of our normal day.

## A few reminders to help keep us safe

1. Please keep to the one-way system at collection time at the end of the day. Come in through the silver carpark gate and out through the green Arundel Road gate (some parents of Year 3 children may have to return to the carpark area to collect their children).
2. Year 1 parents please leave by the green gate in the morning unless you have to drop a child at nursery or the Year 3 waiting area.
3. Please avoid bunching close together when you leave via the rather narrow exit on to Arundel Road – social distancing is very important. There are lines on the pathway to help you with this. **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!!**
4. Please to not delay as you exit the green gates onto the pavement as this causes a traffic jam further back! Thank you



Currently all staff at St Margaret's are taking Covid tests twice weekly using the Lateral Flow Test.

This is a test for asymptomatic rather than those people *with* symptoms. Please be aware that Covid testing kits are available for your family and information for this can be found at the following website address:

[rapid coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing](#)



## Laptops and I-pads

Many thanks to those of you who donated/lent laptops and tablets over lock down. If you would like to have them back please contact the school office. If not, we will continue to use them in classes.

Laptop/I-Pad loans from the school should be returned on **Tuesday or Wednesday of this week please.** Please ensure you hand them into the school office with their charger and case.

St Margaret's C.E. Primary School, Arundel Road, Angmering, West Sussex, BN16 4LP

*To develop a life-long love of learning; to grow spiritually and reflect Jesus in our words and action; to foster self-respect and love for others; to provide opportunities for ALL to flourish; to serve our community; to prepare and equip for an ever-changing world.*

### School Crossing Patrol

Rebecca Alchin is standing in for our usual Lollypop Lady, Sally, whilst she is shielding.



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### School Office Absent Messages

Please make sure that your first port of call to inform school of a child's absence or medical appointment, is the school office either by e-mail [school@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk](mailto:school@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk) or telephone on 01903 785416 and leaving a message. We will then make sure that the important messages are sent to the class teacher.

### Relationships and Sex Education

From the academic year 2020-2021, all primary schools in England must teach Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). The government has set out guidance about what they expect children to know by the time they leave primary education but it is up to each school to decide how they will teach this. It is important that we discuss the school's approach with you as parents and carers so you are clear on the content and types of materials we use.

There is no legal requirement for schools to teach sex education but the government recommends children learn about some key areas before they leave primary school. We have experience in teaching these topics for a number of years through our PSHE or Circle Time lessons and we have also recently bought some new resources to help with this.

As with other subjects, we will work hard to make sure the lessons meet the needs of the children and are age appropriate, as well as taking into account our values of being a Church of England School. These topics are really important in helping children deal with current experiences and also to prepare them for the next stage of their education and ultimately for adult life.

Schools and the government recognise the important role parents play in educating their children and this is especially true for RSE. It is important that children can discuss and ask questions both at home and at school. Therefore, this is one of the issues we will be discussing at our online parent forum on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.**

The meeting will cover: what the new regulations are, views on our new RSE policy, an overview of what is taught in which year groups and a sample of some of the resources that we will be using in our lessons. Our new RSE policy is available for you to view on our school website. The RSE end of Primary expectations as set by the Department for Education can be found at the end of our school RSE policy.

## IMPORTANT – COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND PARENTS/CARERS

Have you uploaded the **ParentMail App** onto your mobile phone?

We have 84% of parents who are using the app



### Parking in Chantryfield Road

Please can I kindly remind parents about parking etiquette? When parking in Chantryfield Road, please do not park on grass verges outside the houses as in the wet weather this leaves huge tracks and is unsightly AND please do not park on double yellow lines.

### Parents Forum

We will be holding a parents forum on **Tuesday 30th March** to discuss the new Relationships and Sex Education and addressing issues arising from our return to school post lockdown. As usual there will be an opportunity for Q and A.



**INSET DAY**  
School Closed  
to Students



On behalf of the staff may I re-emphasise how lovely it is to see the children back together and we look forward to some fine weather as we lead up to Easter

Yours sincerely

*Mike Jee*

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