

Hello everyone,

There are 2 important communications for you to read and digest today in readiness for the week ahead. It will be useful to have your child understand these communications too.

One is an excellent wellbeing newsletter put together by our pastoral and wellbeing team in school. It is important that when you need it, you know you can turn to certain reference points for assistance.

The second is the following communication around the vital systems we need to put in place here at RWPA for the Safeguarding and Welfare of all our pupils and the assistance we will need from you to support us in doing so.

The Government and The Department for Education are very clear that COVID19 does not stop a school's legal responsibility to ensure **all** children are free from harm and danger.

Therefore, we have been steadily building our systems in order to do this.

The weekly process, beginning on Monday 6th April

Whilst we are unable to lift our restrictions around who is able to access the onsite emergency provision, we would like you all to be aware that our class teams will need to have weekly contact with all pupils. Normally of course we register our pupils every morning and check in with them around how they are feeling and work with you all to maintain a happy, healthy and safe environment.

The way in which we are able to fulfill our legal duty to safeguard children, will need to look different at present and will move to a WEEKLY registering and check in system.

From Monday, we would like to use our google classroom system to help us to do as much of this as possible.

Those parents in Year 1 and our Early Years (FS1&2) - you will be receiving information about how to log into google classroom as it will be a new system for your child and many of you. Having older siblings may help you greatly too and it is possible to set it up on a tablet too.

On Monday, you will also receive a Parent Hub message asking you to reply to some questions. **Please reply to this as soon as you can** as this will help your class teachers to complete their register for the week, whilst we also work with you to set up your google classroom.

For every other year group (Years 2 to 6 - and Year 1 who have managed to get set up recently!)

From Monday we want to use our google classroom to hold a Monday Check in just like we would do in class. Your child will be able to open a document and answer the questions. **If it works well we will use this system EVERY MONDAY with all year groups.**

You will see through your child's google classroom that our staff are working incredibly hard to still offer the right balance of support and nurture for your child at this unusual time. This next week fortnight will focus upon Easter activities, wellbeing activities and a host of other ideas to engage. Please share with your teachers in the classroom some of the great things you do or on SeeSaw if you use it. Our staff will also continue to monitor the google classroom whenever they can and this too will help teachers know that the children in their class are happy, busy and safe.

Even though we are limited in terms of what we can do to support you and your child right now, we are always here for families in crisis and to check in with your child on a weekly basis.

It is so important that if you get communication from your class teacher via parent hub or a phone call that you do respond in a timely fashion.

If by Wednesday, there has been no response to either the check in or the activities on the google classroom etc, you can imagine, we will be concerned and worried for a child or a family's safety. We will therefore be contacting you by Parent Hub initially, and if still no contact, later in the week by telephone to ascertain the safety and wellbeing of your child.

I hope this all makes sense, and does not cause a 'school poking their noses in' reaction, but more of a 'isn't it good that school takes its responsibility seriously and finds a way to contact in the most challenging of times.'

As we continue to navigate the weeks ahead, the Department for Education is very clear that COVID19 does not stop a school's legal responsibility to ensure all children are free from harm and danger. Please do reach out for the support you may need.

Stay safe and healthy everyone, and have some fun too in this very testing period for us all!
Chris Evans