



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 14th September 2020

Welcome Back Everyone!

It is so lovely to see all the children back! They all seem happy, smiling all the time and engaged in their learning. As a school we wanted to thank you all for doing such a good job with home learning during lockdown. We know at times it was hard. We hope that families can get back to some sort of normality, safe in the knowledge that your children are once again surrounded by friends and in a happy and safe learning environment.

We also hope that you had a lovely summer break and managed to relax, enjoy family time (without home learning!) and enjoy the weather.

The children have come back in a truly wonderful way. They are listening and being very good at washing hands and social distancing. The children are remaining in their class bubbles, playing well with their friends and listening to adults. Our school risk assessment to enable us to be safe is holding up well and is under constant review. We would like to thank you all, as well, for enabling the drop off and pick up of children to work so well. We are making sure your children settle into new routines, whilst also lightly assessing their academic and emotional well-being. We hope that this is the start of a very happy and productive school year!

Drop Off and Pick Up

We are constantly reviewing the practice that we have put in place to enable children to arrive and leave the school premises safely, this has resulted in some changes starting from today. We would like to thank you for working with us to enable this to happen. Below are some details to note:

- 1) The key to the smooth arrival and departure is turning up at the allotted time slot; the aim of this is prevent gatherings at the entrances;
- 2) From today, the 'no more than 6' rule will be in place issued by the Government; please, once you have left the school, do not meet in groups;
- 3) Any children that are late arriving or miss their slot please go in through the main school entrance;
- 4) Please try to keep your distance from others when walking to and from the school or waiting to drop off or collect your child.

Absence

Should your child be unwell and unable to attend school, please would you telephone the office before 9.15am to advise us of the reason for the absence. It is important that we are aware of the whereabouts of all children as soon as possible in a school day. Alternatively, you can email office@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk.

Future Newsletters

We will now be producing newsletters fortnightly. They will still include information about what the children have been doing in class as well as all the news!

Online Safety

Please be aware of recommended ages for online games and social media sites. Content on these sites may be unsuitable for young children and we ask parents to help us safeguard your children so they are not exposed to inappropriate material.

Most sites, including TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook, have a recommended age of 13+. Some such as Whatsapp are recommended for 16+ only. Please see <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/?gclid=EAlaIqObChMli-T4qOfm6wIVUO3tCh0-fwC5EAAYASACEgLS- D BwE> for more information.

We are aware that some of our children are playing games which are aimed at older children and include inappropriate content. Fortnite has a 12+ age rating, for example. Please also be mindful of sites such as Roblox which allow children to type messages to strangers.