



# Whitstable Junior School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

A quick update on where we are now. Since Friday, parents and carers have responded to the Government's advice and as a result, we have between 5 and 9 children in school. This has helped alleviate much anxiety and has also helped to keep anyone who has to be in school safe too; thank you. If we need to reduce numbers further the absolute priority will be given to NHS frontline staff.

We have re-organised the rest of this term with the staff we have available. The children will be grouped together with 1 teacher and 1 learning support assistant.

We know children are safer at home, but much thought is going into keeping those children who are attending the school, safe too.

- Staff are getting children to wash hands regularly
- Parents and carers will not enter buildings and will observe social distancing.
- Children must not share food
- Staff and children should change clothes and wash immediately when they get home.
- Classroom will be kept ventilated
- Children will be outside frequently in open air but social distancing will be encouraged

This is not an exhaustive list but is intended to reassure parents and carers who need to send children in that we are being careful.

I am afraid school dinners will no longer be an option and your child will need to bring a packed lunch in.

Please note the changes since the last email. School starts at 9am as it did yesterday. Please bring your child into school using the FRONT gates. Ring the bell and we will let them in.

Please **do not** bring them to school before 8:55am, there will be no-one to supervise them before this time. Please collect your child from the front gates at 3pm. We will bring them out to you.

Please could you email the office ([manager@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk](mailto:manager@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk)) if your circumstances have changed and you are able to care for your children at home. This is very important. This will help us keep the children safe and mean you do not get a phone call in the morning if they are not here.

Once again may I take this opportunity to say thank you for your support both to us as a school and in your role as a key worker.

Kind regards,  
Annie Knoupe  
Headteacher



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