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Friday 27th November 2020

Dear Families

Well this week has certainly been a busy one at West Alvington Academy! The children in Hazel class enjoyed the novelty of Forest School on the field including playing the hammock and rope swing. Olive (Pete's dog) was very excited to dash around the field helping the children to saw and build! Forest School will take place on **Monday 7th November 2020**. All children will be attending Forest School on this day and will need to come to school in their Forest School clothes.

Our fantastic staff team are also busy behind the scenes organising all things festive! Today, you will have received a letter asking for permission for your child to take part in our online performances for the Nativity. Please return these slips as soon as possible so that we are able to finalise our plans and allocate parts accordingly.

As you all know, we are still in a national lockdown. This means that although schools are open, there are still a number of restrictions that are in place which affect how we all behave out of school in our day to day lives. As a staff, we have become increasingly concerned this week about the number of play dates happening after school and the number of families which are still using different families for child care. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the rules that affect us all.

Childcare and children's activities

There are several ways that parents and carers can continue to access childcare during the national restrictions:

Early years settings and childminders remain open, and you can continue to use these settings as normal

You can access other childcare activities (including wraparound care) where reasonably necessary to enable parents to work, seek work, attend education or training

Nannies will be able to continue to provide services, including in the home.

Parents are able to form a childcare bubble with one other household for the purposes of informal childcare, where the child is 13 or under.



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Some households will also be able to benefit from being in a support bubble, which allows single adult households to join another household

What is a childcare bubble?

A childcare bubble is where one household links with one other household to provide informal childcare to a child or children aged 13 or under. They can provide the childcare in either or both of the homes from the 2 households. 'Informal' childcare means it is unpaid and unregistered.

All adults in both households must agree to this arrangement.

The childcare can be provided where necessary in any location – public or private, indoors or outdoors.

You can only use a childcare bubble for childcare – that is, where the child's parent or regular carer is not present. You cannot use a childcare bubble to mix with another household for other reasons.

The guidance also states:

In general, you must not meet with another person socially or undertake any activities with another person. However, you can exercise or meet in a public, outdoors space with people you live with, your support bubble (or as part of a childcare bubble), or with one other person.

You should minimise time spent outside your home. When around other people, stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household - meaning the people you live with - or your support bubble. Where this is not possible, stay 1 metre apart with extra precautions (e.g. wearing a face covering). You must not meet socially indoors with family or friends unless they are part of your household or support bubble.

Whilst COVID-19 numbers in the South Hams are low, it is imperative that we continue to follow the lockdown rules and procedures to ensure that we maintain this. Staff are working really hard in school to ensure that bubbles are kept separate and hygiene measures are followed to keep the children, staff and community safe. We all need to work together to ensure that the lockdown measures are followed outside of the school gates to maintain this too.

Kind Regards

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