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# Southway Junior School

Learning and Achieving Together

# NEWSLETTER



Dear parents and carers

I hope that our Southway community are all well and coping under these extreme circumstances. Although we will not see many of you in the coming weeks, we do urge you to keep in touch with your child's class teacher so that we know that you are all OK. I have asked teachers to let me know if they notice inactivity from children in their class and staff will continue to call parents/carers to follow up to check on how you are doing. It is really important that we all look out for each other. There is a wealth of information on our website and we will be continuously adding or updating information and resources on our VLE as the weeks progress. Please remember that you are able to contact your child's class teacher directly on their class@ email address and they will happy to help. I ask that you are patient with us.

As the school re-opens for our year 6 cohort we continue to find ourselves in difficult circumstances. Sometimes the more we know the less we understand and I certainly feel that way currently. Just like yourselves we usually find out what decisions have been made on behalf of schools at exactly the same time as you, more often than not through the media. We don't have the inside track and we are often obliged to react quickly with little or no consultation and make the right decision for the children. This is not an easy place to be of course. Fortunately we have an active and supportive governing body and we continue to rely on the good will and support of all parents. I understand that some Burgess Hill schools have been criticised on social media during this pandemic for a variety of reasons. All I can honestly say is that managing the current situation whilst trying to do the right thing for all parents is nigh on impossible. However, like all schools, we are doing our very best and our decision making is driven by doing the right thing for children as best we can.

In the meantime I wish you all well and hope you keep safe.

Kind regards  
Mr Newbold