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Dear Parents and Carers

Sports Day arrangements for next week

It is with regret that, as a school, we have made the difficult decision to only allow other children in the school to watch this year's Sports Day. This sadly means that parents will be **UNABLE** to attend.

This decision has not been taken lightly and we have waited as late as possible following the publication of government guidance, the announcements of the government regarding 19th July onwards and also looking carefully at the number of children/parents either having caught covid/needing to self-isolate in local schools and the wider community. Unfortunately it is clear that the numbers of positive cases and resultant numbers of children/staff having to self-isolate has been increasing rapidly over the last week. We are aware of primary schools in the Shoreham area having large numbers of positive cases which has meant multiple year groups needing to isolate and well over 100 children needing to isolate in Year 7 and 8 at the local secondary school.

We understand that parents will be disappointed that they are unable to watch their child compete, however we hope you appreciate our reasons for this decision:

- our main priority is to reduce the risk of a covid spread and inviting hundreds of parents onto the school site for an extended period of time goes against our aim;
- staff, children and parents all deserve a summer holiday, which is why we do not want to increase the risk of staff and families having to isolate over the first week of the summer break (which could mean for some the need to cancel holidays that have been planned for many months/years).

The children will have their peers there to support and cheer them along and will still have a brilliant time competing with their classmates over a wide range of track and field events. We all hope that after a two year hiatus, next summer we will all be able to come together again to cheer the children across the finish line.

Dates for this year's Sports days (**children may come to school in their PE kit and stay in it for the day**):

Tuesday 20th July: AM – KSI (Year 1 & 2) PM – EYFS (LFN & Rec)

Wednesday 21st July: AM – UKS2 (Year 5 & 6) PM – LKS2 (Year 3 & 4)

Once again, a huge thank you for your understanding throughout this year as the school has had to make difficult decisions on school events and we hope you appreciate that these have been made with the safety of the children as our number one priority.

Kind regards

Mr A. Lincoln
Headteacher