

10th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we start the final half term of this academic year we are beginning the process of our partial wider opening, welcoming back over half of our Year 6 children on Monday. It is lovely to hear more children's voices in what has been an almost empty school.

We continue to provide care for children of key workers and others we have invited in and this group has grown to 3 bubbles. We are now busy preparing for Year 1, Reception and Nursery to return and we are doing everything we can to make this a positive experience for the children.

Regardless of year group we will continue to post work up daily on the website. For those year groups where children have been invited to return, the work may sometimes look different. In line with Government guidance we will, if possible, post up the work happening in school but will also use some of the excellent resources that have been developed such as The Oak National Academy or BBC Bitesize. While the format may be different, we will ensure we select lessons that cover the same learning as in school. Please continue to email work in weekly to keep that communication going with your teacher.

We understand that there is a lot of uncertainty around what will happen for the other year groups and for September. We will communicate any further plans as and when we know them. In order to support our communication with you **we have set up a Covid-19 FAQ page on the website** (the link is on the scrolling bar). Due to the size of the school we are receiving many general questions via email and will therefore post these as a question and answer on the website, as we may not be able to respond to each one individually. Please do check here if you have sent a general query in.

We do have a quick staffing update to be made. Miss Walshe will be going on maternity leave on June 26th. While it is sad we are unable to wish her well in person I am sure you will join me in sending her a virtual 'good luck'. The emails for Watermelon class children will continue to be checked by other EYFS staff once Miss Walshe is on leave.

I would like to thank you all for the support you have given during this unprecedented time. Having Year 6 return has given us the hope that we will all be back together at some point.

Kind Regards

Naomi Brown
Principal