



Principal's Message

We have gradually opened to increased numbers of Nursery, Year 1 and Year 6 children since June 1st and I can confirm that this is going well with children adapting brilliantly to new routines, different teachers and learning and playing in smaller groups. We also have two Rainbow Bubbles for children of key workers, and will extend this provision again from the start of next week.

This week, we bid a fond farewell to our Y6 pupils and wish them all the very best as they prepare for the next stage of their education and the move to secondary. It's certainly been a memorable year for us, and though I wish we had had more time together, you'll always be 'my first Y6 cohort as a new principal', and hold a special place in my heart.

We're really looking forward to having Y5 pupils back for the last weeks of term. We have delayed the start date until the 16th July to ensure it is as safe as possible for a new group of children to join us in school. So far we have a good uptake with over half the cohort wanting a place – I hope this will increase as it would be great to have six bubbles open, pop full of learning and catch-up before the summer holidays. Please phone and speak with a member of SLT if you would like a place for your Y5 child, or if you have been called back to work and require a place in one of our Rainbow Bubbles.

Ms J Bromley

Principal

Transition

You will receive your child's end of year school report either through the post or hand delivered in the week beginning 13th July. You will also receive a letter to inform you which class your child will be in next year, and an introduction to your child's new teacher. It won't be as good as meeting them in person, but will help you get to know a little about them and what to expect in the new term.

Our Nursery and Reception (Classes 1, 2 and 3) teachers will carry out 'doorstep visits' to as many children as possible to help them start thinking positively about starting school in September, and there are also new pages on the school website so children can see some of the learning spaces and what their new teacher will look like!

Our September start will be different, as we continue to maintain safety and avoid infection by limiting numbers on site. I will write to you again before the start of the new term, but we are currently moving ahead with the plan to reopen to all pupils on Thursday 3rd September 2020 (following two days of INSET for staff).

For September at least, these measures will apply:

- staggered start and end times to the day with handover at the gate
- each class will be allocated a gate (for siblings this will be that allocated to the youngest sibling)
- only children and staff will be allowed on site
- supervised handwashing at least hourly
- increased cleaning throughout the day
- half days for children starting in reception classes (either mornings or afternoons) to enable small group sizes of 15 and support their safe induction

Children's Work

Sadly, we are not able to hand over children's books this year. We have had to make many sacrifices to ensure we stay healthy, and this includes disposing of any materials which might risk carrying infection between school and home. We hope that you understand and will instead have some good examples of your children's work from their home learning tasks.

Home Learning

The final Home Learning packs will be delivered in the week beginning 6th July. We will text ahead so that you can look out for staff delivering to your houses and give them a wave, or even better, talk to them from a distance. It's been great to see photos of your various home learning and growing projects – please keep emailing them in.

INSET Day

School is closed to all pupils on Wednesday 8th July. This is for staff training to focus on the Character Education aspect of our curriculum. The last day of term for children attending will therefore be Friday 24th July.