



*'Be safe, be kind.
Listen and think a lot.
Be your best!'*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now into our eighth week since all schools were partially closed and I hope you are all managing to keep well.

I know that class teachers have been calling parents and children to see how the children and families have been getting along with the home learning and just life in general. I understand that, although everyone is trying very hard, everyone has had different experiences of home learning. Please do not worry about how much work your child is doing or whether they didn't understand something as we will sort the rest out when we return to school. As previously mentioned the children's mental health and well being is of paramount importance.

School will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 25th May and will be open only for the Key Worker children for the rest of the week. Week beginning 25th May is also half term so the teachers will not be putting any work up onto the website. Please have this time with your family, reading, camping in the garden, cooking and eating together etc and enjoying the new slightly relaxed guidelines whilst remembering to stay ALERT and keep your social distances.

Through our communications, you are aware that schools have been asked to prepare for a possible phased return to school for children in Foundation year and Year 1 commencing from the 2nd June (1st is a school inset), if the rate of infection stays below R1. During this time the school will also be continuing with its work online to other year groups, who are not able to return to school at this time.

We have mixed information at this time but we do know that social distancing will still have to take place within the school. This means that we will have to limit the number of children in each class and the hours attended may have to be on a part time basis (this will be confirmed at a later date). Please note that this will not be negotiable due to the COVID-19 restrictions we are under. The teacher originally allocated to your child may not be teaching your child upon return to school.

When we are able to give you more information this will be sent out to you. We are also aware that it is not statutory for your child to come back to school as we are led to believe it will be a parent's choice.

We have sent parents in Foundation and Year 1 a quick survey for you to complete to indicate your views about a possible return to school. **Please check your email as we require a very prompt response by 3pm on Monday 18th May.** We understand that for some of you, these responses may change as further information is released. Your responses will purely be used as a guide for us when planning the provision that we can offer from 2nd June 2020 (1st June INSET day) at the earliest. The number of school places required will then determine which action the school is able to take. Of course the safety of our staff and children is paramount and the school will only re-open if it is safe to do so.

It is clear that we all want the same thing for the children and families in our community and I thank you for your continued support at this difficult time.

Take care,

Amanda Reid

Headteacher

Useful information and sites

Since the Coronavirus, more and more of us are using online educational resources for home education and fun. As previously mentioned, if you would like any supplementary learning for your child there is now the BBC Bitesize online resources that you are able to access—<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

There is also Oak National Academy online classroom—<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/>

SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have also made it easier to access a wide variety of sites via links on our website. In the 'Children' tab at the top of the website there is a 'Kids Zone'. Here we have put quick links to DBPrimary, Purple Mash, Oak National Academy and additional links to new sites 'Family Zone' for children 0-9 yrs and 'The Maths Factor' by Carol Vorderman for children aged 4-12 yrs that matches to the National Curriculum and is free to join.

NEW ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

For new children who will be joining us in September 2020 there is a 'New Admissions for Sept 2020' tab at the top of the website. Here you can find some useful links for pre-school activities for children aged 0-5 yrs and also brand new 'Virtual Tours'. Here we have put up several videos of the school and teachers with a focus on what the Early Years classrooms and staff look like. As it is looking more and more unlikely that schools will be able to welcome children into school before the summer holidays we wanted to try and make some virtual links. Please appreciate that these have not been done professionally but we felt they would be helpful for the children with their transition into school. More information for new parents and children will follow and be emailed out and placed onto the New Admissions for Sept 2020 tab once we have more guidance on social distancing. We hope to be in touch soon.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL

With the introduction of COVID-19 and new social distancing and lockdown rules there has been a national increase in Domestic Abuse. Please keep safe and look out for each other. Please report any concerns to COMPASS 24hr Domestic Abuse helpline on 0300 333 7444. If anyone you know experiences Domestic Abuse please call 999 in an emergency and if anyone is in a situation where they are unable to speak they can make a 999 silent call and press (55).

Building Work

If anyone has been out for a walk past the school recently you may have noticed the diggers and big skips full of soil in the car park. Each year the 'School Council' ask the children in their classes how we could help to improve the school and make it even better. The majority of children stated that they would like a football pitch where they can play football in all weathers. As you can imagine these are extremely expensive but in time we have managed to raise the funds for this to happen—which is brilliant!

Work on this new outside pitch started last week, with the workmen keeping the social distancing rules and will be completed within the next two weeks. I'm sure the children will enjoy using this space once the social distancing rules allow.

