

Wednesday 3rd June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Nursery, Y2, 3, 4 and 5,

I hope you all had a good half term and are all keeping well.

As you know, we have been very busy getting the school ready for the wider reopening to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children which has been an enormous challenge but thanks to the great efforts of our staff, this extensive preparation work paid off yesterday with a successful start to the term for those children. However, we are greatly aware of the difference in provision we are offering for these groups compared to Nursery, Year 2, 3, 4 and 5, and want to thank you for the enormous efforts you are making with the home learning. It was not our choice about which year groups came back, and we are very sorry that the government's decisions over this have meant that we cannot see your children back in school yet. We would love nothing more than to have all the children back, but sadly at this time it is not possible.

You will continue to receive the weekly home learning tasks, as well as a link to the dance lesson with Emanuela. If you would find it easier to have paper copies of the weekly home learning tasks, please call the school and we will arrange that for you. We can also provide paper, pencils, notebooks etc.

Our current provision means that children are being taught in small groups (or 'bubbles') of no more than 15, but often even smaller. This means that every teacher in the school, including your child's teacher, is teaching a group of children full time in school. The teachers will still be making weekly calls home, but it may not be possible to make multiple attempts to parents who do not answer, and they will not be able to respond to emails immediately.

Please continue to share the work that your children having been doing via email to your child's teacher and email any questions you may have, and one of us will respond as soon as we can. If any of you are struggling in any way and would like support from us, please do not hesitate to call the school and ask to speak to me, Sue or Connor. We are continuing to provide vouchers via the Edenred system for families eligible for Free School Meals, as well as providing food packages to a number of families who need it. If you are not eligible for the vouchers, but are struggling financially at the moment, please do contact me so that we can try and support you during this period.

Hope to see you all soon.

Best Wishes,

Andrew