



## Summer Term

### Dates:

School reopens on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. Planned INSET has been postponed until June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Meet the Teacher on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September via Zoom at 16:00, 16:30 and 17:00 (details will be on home learning page)

Parents' Evenings 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November. May be Zoom or face to face as normal. TBC

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout this challenging time. It has not been the school year that we planned and one that no one could have predicted. I am sorry that the end of term has not been what it normally is but we will return in September with the celebrations that should have taken place and give out our awards.

The incredibly sad loss of Mrs Farnworth on the 14<sup>th</sup> July has left school heartbroken. I would like to say on behalf of us all; a massive thank you for the lovely, warm messages we have received; all of which will be shared with the family. Mrs Farnworth lived and breathed Carleton Green and although she had been battling with an evil illness for fourteen months, had continued to work until this last week. I very much think she wanted to see the end of the term with us.

Mrs Farnworth began her relationship with Carleton Green many years ago as a Mummy when her fifteen-year-old son Robert started in Ducklings. She then became the Business Manager, working with the previous head; Mrs Johnstone. Her husband and daughter Aimee also supported school in various guises and equally have been very much part of the Carleton Green family.

I think it was with trepidation that Mrs Farnworth continued to work here upon Mrs Johnstone's retirement. However, as the new Headteacher, we very quickly forged a true and trusting friendship where she deservedly became the Senior Leader of the school. Mrs Farnworth worked tirelessly by my side (laughing and sometimes crying together) to achieve the very best for our children with the certain shared aim that we will be outstanding. Not a day will go by where she won't be missed. We will continue to Fly High. Soar.

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Learning at CG and beyond:

Children have continued to attend school with the remaining Year Five and Year Two visits taking place. All of these have been highly successful and positive experiences. The Key Worker group have enjoyed outdoor activities over the week. Today we have waved our farewells to our Year Six pupils who have been a wonderful cohort. We are certain that they will continue to flourish at High School. Although, the duties of our current Heads and Deputies have been interrupted, I believe that they have done a marvellous job and have been worthy throughout of their appointment to the roles.



Please see the statistics for this month, well done Year 2! As you can see the children are really enjoying this resource.

<https://go.educationcity.com/view/usage/load/NTQwNi0xNzA4NQ==/>

The LCC summer holiday provision offer is now live on the website: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/summer-fun/>

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Unfortunately owing to current COVID 19 restrictions and school closure many (especially) Year 6 pupils have missed out on their Bikeability cycle training.

I am delighted to invite any Year 5, 6 or 7 pupils to our free summer holiday sessions. Level 1 & 2 will be delivered together with Level 1 first in the morning followed immediately by Level 2 which will run over 2 consecutive day after which on the 2nd afternoon Level 3 will be on offer to those wishing to advance.

Your own equipment will be required; we are not able to lend any equipment and cycle must be in working order. This year owing to COVID conditions we are not able to handle equipment.

We are struggling to confirm the exact locations around the county, again owing to COVID restrictions only just being lifted. I need to ask you to follow either of these 2 links for a more up to date invitation:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/go-velo-holiday-sessions-20129268401> web page which has a link to all course for adults and children or <https://www.govelo.co.uk/book-a-course/>

There is no cost for any of this training. All instructors are First Aid qualified and are DBS (CRB) checked.

We are all ready for a well-earned break but will be looking forward to September when we can welcome all the children back to school. I understand that some families may be apprehensive about this and I would like to assure you that all measures required have been put in place to limit risk. Below, I have outlined the measures taken to keep children, staff and families safe along with the government expectations for schools. At Carleton Green, the children's happiness and wellbeing is always at the heart of all that we do. We feel that it is even more important now that children's wellbeing is prevalent in the school curriculum. When we welcome the children back, we will ensure that they have the time to settle back into school, whilst igniting a love of learning once again.

Over recent weeks, many safety measures have already been implemented to limit risks, as more children returned to school. Measures such as the one-way system, staggered school day times and hygiene systems will remain in place as they have proven to be effective ways to limit risk and keep children safe.

The government have explained that schools are still expected to work in bubbles but that these can now be widened to accommodate full Key Stages. To help ensure that these Key Stage bubbles do not mix, we will continue to implement staggered start and end times to the school day, limiting the risk of contact between children and reducing the number of families travelling through the school grounds at one time. Where families have more than one child, whose start and end times differ, we ask that the children and their families adhere to social distancing while waiting outside. We understand that for

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families with more than one child in school, the staggered times may be more challenging. Therefore, they will be frequently reviewed to support families as much as possible, whilst implementing effective prevention measures.

Years 5 & 6 to arrive at 08:45 with a finish time of 15:15 from the gate beside the staff carpark.

Years 3 & 4 to arrive at 09:15 and finish at 15:45 from the gate near the field at the back of the school.

Year 1 & 2 to arrive at 09:00 and finish at 15:30 from the gate beside the staff carpark.

EYFS to arrive at 09:00 and finish at 15:30 from the gate near the field at the back of the school.

Little Chicks to be operating between 08:45-15:45. Please access LC using the side path.

Lunch and play times will also be staggered throughout the school day and each class will have a dedicated play zone and equipment to use. Each class will have designated adults: their class teacher, learning support assistant and PPA teacher (Mrs Jones and Mrs Oddy). This ensures effective supervision throughout the day. To further reduce the risk of potential transmission, we have organised staff so that new adults should not need to enter bubbles unless there is an emergency.

Implementing social distancing measures has been a challenge but as we are not now required to distance within bubbles, this has made the plans for September more manageable.

During this period, year groups which have been identified by the government to return to school have had the choice to return to school. From September, this will not be the case and all children will be expected to return. Our usual absence procedure will be implemented when children are not in school. If your child is unwell, you will be required to contact school at the start of the school day to inform the office of your child's absence and the reason for the absence. It is vitally important that if children are unwell, parents communicate symptoms with school so that we can monitor health and take any actions required.

Children have continued to be able to eat in the school hall but with a staggered timetable. This will continue in September. Once children have eaten their lunches, they will play outside as normal. However, they will have a specific play zone and their own play equipment, ensuring that equipment is not shared between classes, reducing the risk of any infection transmission.

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Currently, children are bringing limited equipment to school, as research shows that COVID19 can live on surfaces, including material. This is a measure that we will continue to implement in September. Therefore, we ask that children only bring a coat, their water bottle and a lunch box which can be easily cleaned. Each child will be given stationery in a plastic zip wallet, which will be for their use only. Any shared equipment, such as art equipment, will be cleaned after use and the children will be instructed to wash their hands.

Previous government guidance stated that children's uniform should be washed each day. New guidance now states that this is not required and that uniform does 'not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.' All children will be expected to return to school in full uniform. This also relates to PE kit. We ask that children come wearing their PE kit on the days their class will carry out sport.

Ducklings	Tuesday Come in uniform with PE kit kept in school
Parrots	Wednesday
Hérons	Thursday
Robins	Wednesday
Owls	Monday
Doves	Monday
Kestrels	Wednesday
Hawks	Friday
Falcons	Thursday
Eagles	Thursday

The government have advised schools that PPE is not required to be worn by staff or children during the school day. This equipment is only required if necessary, when delivering first aid, as staff may need to be in close proximity to children and face to face, supporting children with personal care, as outlined in a health care plan; or when a member of staff is dealing with someone who is displaying symptoms of COVID19. If children travel to school using public transport and are required to wear PPE, they will be asked to remove it when they enter school and any disposable PPE will be disposed of safely. Any reusable face masks will be stored in sealed plastic bags and sent home at the end of the school day. All children will be asked to wash their hands immediately on arrival to school, but any children removing face masks will be directed to wash hands immediately after removing the covering to further reduce risks.

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As schools are still required to implement a bubble system, wrap around care is challenging. The government have recognised this as a challenge for many schools and have therefore stated that larger bubbles can be created within schools to enable wrap around care to be delivered. All at Carleton Green understand the importance of wrap around care to enable parents to return to work. Therefore, we will continue to offer wrap around care from 07:45 – 17:30. We will be able to provide this facility by creating two Key Stage Bubbles ~ EYFS/KS1 & KS2. Mrs Pilling is still leading the Early Bird and Late Larks.

It does mean that children will mix between class bubbles if they attend before or after school care. This is not an ideal situation, but we understand how important this care is for families and are doing all that we can to provide it. To limit the risk, children will follow the hygiene systems and will be separated from children in other bubbles as much as possible. This may be through seating arrangements if children are completing activities at desks. All sessions will continue to be required to be booked a day in advance where we remain to be unable to take adhoc bookings within the week, as we will continually need to ensure that we have appropriate provision and staffing in place to adhere to safety guidelines.

This year, it has been of paramount importance to keep class sizes as small and evenly distributed as possible to adhere to safety measures, whilst ensuring that key friendships are maintained, so that when children return to school, they feel comfortable and safe. As you know when creating our new classes, we do not base any decision on ability groups, as we feel that children work best when there is a mix of abilities, as strengths lie in many different areas and all children should be given the opportunity to shine.

We believe that effective transition is key to support children when moving into a new year group and class. Unfortunately, this year we have been unable to offer the transition that we usually do, so children have not had the opportunity to meet their new key adults and explore their learning environments. To support the children and help them learn a little more about their new teacher, we have placed information on our Website in their home learning sections.

I appreciate how much information is in this newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office using [office@carletongreen.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@carletongreen.lancs.sch.uk)

As we are in an ever-changing situation, our plans may evolve if the government introduces new measures and so we will continue to update you as required.

This is a school year that will certainly go down in history, but one that we do not wish to repeat. Thank you for continuing to support school and each other during this challenging time. I hope that you all have a restful Summer and look forward to welcoming you all back to school in September.

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