

Friday 10th July

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

I do hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

What a fantastic week. We are so happy that the children have or will be returning to school this week and next. It was a true joy to see their beaming faces and we look forward to seeing everyone else over the next few days.

It was very important to us to see all the children before the summer holidays but the logistics have been very difficult to plan. Yesterday and today we have had over 100 children in school, with different start times, lunches and breaks. I really appreciate your understanding and support; particularly the children in Reception, Years 1 and 6 who have to give up a day next week. On Monday our Year 6 will be in school for the last time and it is heart-breaking that they have missed so many of their celebrations before they leave. They are a wonderful group of children who will be sorely missed, however we will do our very best to ensure their last day is full of joy and happy memories.

We continue to plan for full opening in September but once again we are bound by legislation. Final decisions will not be made until August following a final Government announcement on August 11th however we expect to be fully open but with a few tweaks. Start and finish times, breaks and lunches will be staggered and we will not be serving hot food. I will give more details next week.

A number of people have asked about breakfast and after school club from September. Again this is difficult to plan and I ask you for your patience. Regardless of what you believe the legislation to be, we are bound by certain restrictions and although an important service, it is not our obligation to provide it. When engaging with staff, please bear this in mind.

At present we are looking to cap the club at 30 and will prioritise those families who currently use the club every day. Younger children will then be prioritised followed by others if numbers allow. The club will not begin until at least Monday 7th September so please do not call the office with enquiries until after the holidays.

Next week we will say goodbye to Miss Braithwaite who leaves us for pastures new. Although only with us for 12 months covering maternity leave, she has had a significant impact on school and the children she has taught. She has been a fabulous teacher and member of staff and we will miss her. I know you will join me in wishing her every success and happiness.

Stay safe, God bless
Mark