

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well; amidst all the changes in guidance and confusion over rules and regulations that is the most important thing.

Although it appears almost all other parts of life are returning to normal, the regulations remain the same for schools and we are only currently open to key worker children and those in Reception, Years 1 and 6. However as a school we think it is very important that all our children have an opportunity to come into school, see their friends, have some fun and meet their teacher for September. As we are still bound by legislation this can only be for one day each and classes cannot be in together. This is a planning and logistical challenge and I know it will not suit all families, particularly those with siblings but it is all we can do. The staff are meeting on Tuesday to finalise plans and I will be in touch on Survey Monkey next week to ascertain numbers. We are planning for the last week of term.

At present I am preparing to be fully open in September but as you all know that may change; we will be led by the guidance however I am **very** hopeful. The only change, at present, will be a delayed start for Nursery and Reception to allow us to have 'welcome meetings' and visits in the first weeks of September. I will give out dates when our plan is finalised. Although we are closed over the summer (we are having extensive building works) I will continue to be in contact.

Like you I was devastated when the government announced all children would not be back before September. As a parent of two teenagers and Kate in Year 6 it has been difficult at home to motivate everyone while trying to work full time. I understand how stressful it can be and believe me no one has done it perfectly. However if you have managed to love and reassure and provide additional activities in the garden, baking and playing games you are doing a wonderful job. We will return in September and the children will be fine. Regardless of how much home learning you have done all children will be 'behind' to some degree. Please try not to worry. Do not underestimate what quality family time can bring to children, schools cannot provide that. Leave the rest to us in September.

As ever we are always here. If the phone is not answered please leave a message or email – we will always respond and please remember keep sending in your work, creations and cakes! We do love seeing them and you.

I will be in touch next week with a more definite plan, in the meantime please stay safe. God Bless.

Mark