

Warmley Park School and College

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As you will be aware, we are implementing the next phase of our reopening from Monday 15th June. There will be a training and preparation day on Monday, which will include going through the risk assessments and new procedures that we have put in place to keep pupils and staff safe. We have put together a 'bubble' based system which promotes social distancing. Pupils are being grouped in classes of 3 and these are in bubbles of 3 classes with a Health and Safety Lead and cleaner assigned to each bubble. There are some activities which we cannot provide at present for health and safety reasons including hydrotherapy, Rebound, and cooking. The day will look different to the way it was before lockdown but we will be educating pupils broadly in their key stages and with staff who know them.

For pupils who are not returning to school on Monday, teachers will continue to send home-learning to them. I know that there has been a very positive response to the home-learning from the work that you have been putting on Seesaw and the feedback to the new learning overviews. There is some fantastic creativity going on in homes. If you have any queries about your child's learning please remember to contact their class teacher.

Last week, I attended an online presentation from Professor Barry Carpenter on the 'Recovery Curriculum'. This highlighted some of the disruption our pupils have faced and how we can begin to support them. We will be talking about this on Monday and as we continue to make plans to welcome more pupils back in September.

There is no evidence or research base for this situation. As the pandemic started to hit, children began to experience loss of:

- Routine;
- Structure;
- Friendship;
- Opportunity;
- Freedom.

I have sent some of the work that we have been already doing to support pupils to the South Gloucestershire Recovery Curriculum Working Party and we will be continuing to develop this. We are working on metaphorically 'welcoming children back to school with open arms' but recognise that the last few months will have been challenging for our pupils and they will require a nurturing environment when they return to school.

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