

Friday 12th June 2020

Dear Parents

In the last few months we have all been asked to respond to circumstances we could scarcely have imagined as we entered 2020. As a school we have redesigned and reorganised our entire school to maintain distancing and a hierarchy of virus control measures. Right now, we have managed to open up for those children who selected to return from the government's designated year groups.

This week the Secretary of State for Education clarified the government's position regarding the full opening of primary schools for a month before the end of term. He accepted that schools **cannot** welcome back all students. This may be welcome news for some who believe it is too soon to relax measures or disappointing for others who had hoped to come back albeit for only a short time.

As a school and sector, we are pleased that the government has now adjusted their thinking based on our ability to achieve much more capacity within school under the social distancing and stringent measures we are working to.

Due to this, we are planning a Theme Week which will run in school and from our Class Dojo too. A sort of event week to help keep you connected and know we are still here and we are still thinking of you.

Next week will be the same as usual, then from Monday 22nd June until Friday 26th June we will be sharing themed cross-curricula ideas each day. We hope to get everyone engaged and then share videos, galleries, league tables, or whatever comes as a result of our collective efforts be them at home or school. Look out for posts on Dojo asking for your ideas as we design this special event next week. We really want to get everyone engaged 😊

Moving forward, I am sure you are wondering about what September and beyond will bring. I am linked with the Local Authority and have met with our MP to try and gain urgent clarity to share with you and plan ourselves. But as you know, I hear the information at the same time as you hear it at home. We await a further announcement next week, and whatever impact this has on us as a school, our response will take time to consider and plan.

From the very outset of this crisis, we have worked hard to do the right thing for our children and our community and we are committed to achieving a full return to education for all pupils in a safe way when it is safe to do so. When we do, remember it is our job to move the children forward from where they are and that is what we and every school in the country will do. We will continue to do the best that we can do and we know that you are too – thank you 😊

Best wishes
Hayley Adams

