



Friday 26th June 2020

Dear Parents

We have reached the end of our Theme Week and it has been wonderful to see so many portfolio uploads and creative ideas. I have personally loved the 'this is what we've done' posts at the end of each day, but the feedback tells us that lots of you have enjoyed having a different way of learning too:

Fab work
Eagle CP
School!
😊

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themes.

Please, please, please can we have our next project about space and can I teach it because I know the order of every planet and know at least one fact about each of them.

I know that Galileo got put in jail for saying that the earth span round the sun and it took 3 years for the church to admit he was right. Pythagoras told everyone that the world was round and he would prove it but everyone said that he would fall right off the edge. There are still people that think the world is flat and that all the photos are photo-shopped.

They've been great thanks, the girls are loving the themes and look forward to finding out what they are going to be each day too 👉

Thanks, the children are really enjoying the themes 😊

Being able to offer something different has worked really well for lots of our families and everyone at Eagle would like to thank you for engaging as you have done. We will back to our usual uploads next week...

... this week was not only interesting because of our different approach to the 'uploads', but also with our approach to extending our wider opening plans.

No sooner had I emailed to share our plan to get as many children in school as per the guidance, than the guidance changed when our Prime Minister announced the 1m+ guidance and schools then received further notification that pupils do not need to be kept 2m+ apart in the classrooms.

I of course want to be able to offer the safest provision in line with the guidance, my staff numbers and the amount of further changes we are capable of making in a short space of time. So with this new information received mid-week, the final stage of our plan can be amended slightly.

Based on this, from **Monday 6th July** we are hoping to offer a space to **all** year groups.

This is **only** possible based on the assumption that not all families will feel that they are ready for their children to return yet. This is completely understandable, appreciated and fully accepted ☺. It is only based on this that we can consider opening more widely than our first intention. It is a risk to start from the 'all' point first off, but the time we have to act on this is running out.

As the school has been changed considerably to accommodate children under very strict health and safety measures and risk assessments during the past three months, I am sure that you will appreciate the magnitude of furniture movement and resources packing that has had to take place! Therefore, we will **not** have time to put our school and classrooms 'back to normal' for the last two weeks.

For those that might wish to come back, we will 'make do' with the arrangements that we have in place, accommodate children at a 1m social distance in the classroom and timetable as much outside time as possible. Our remote learning will continue and will simply be mirrored in school. We will maintain bubbles of 15 in total and utilise designated areas for play and toilet/hand-washing spaces. The bubbles will not mix with other bubbles. So this lack of 'normality' may not be appealing to some for such a short time.

If the uptake is greater than we anticipate, we will unfortunately have to disappoint some people as we simply do not have the capacity to bring back each class in full. Therefore, if your child is not already on-site, I ask you to '**express an interest**' in returning for the final two weeks – Monday 6th July to Friday 17th July.

Please share this expression by the morning of Monday 29th June by reply to this email and we will work as quickly as we can to confirm the extent of what we can offer.

Please remember, if you have made your decision to stay at home and work through remote learning this is **absolutely fine**. This is an 'offer', not a compulsory request. It comes as we are being encouraged to use the capacity we have up to 15 through the flexibility we have been given but still within our protective measures.

NB: All children on-site will still have a place and bubbles have been designed to minimise movement, but there will be a few changes for you which we will share once the extent of interest is known.

Moving forward, we will close school on Friday 17th July, with an option for Key Workers to attend on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July. We do not intend to open school as we have been doing over the summer holidays.

Any further information in respect of Summer Opening will be based on guidance we are yet to receive. We will however signpost you to English and Maths links should you wish to explore them, but this will be completely your choice if it helps to maintain a routine or simply as something to do.

In terms of a September return, at this point we do not know specific information about how schools will be opening in September. It is important that you do not worry excessively about missing time in school and remember that everyone has been in same position. I will communicate further information to you about September as soon as possible.

It has been an incredibly difficult time for everyone and I would like to thank parents and carers for their support over the past three months. We will get there ... by working together, being kind and staying strong!

Best wishes
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