

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and have had a good week. We have had a great week this week with nearly 170 children in school; our highest number so far. For some, they have only recently returned but our observations are that they are settling back into routines and expectations very quickly which I hope will be the case for everyone when the time comes.

Unusually, this week we received the full guidance documents before the Education Minister's briefing and it was helpful to hear him discussing this, having read the documentation in advance. It confirmed what has been reported for some time now which is that all pupils, in all year groups will return to full time education in September.

The guidance document provides a lot of detail for us to consider as we develop our implementation plan but essentially the proposed model is an extension of the 'bubble' system that we currently have in operation, based on a twin strategy of limiting contact between pupils and implementing hygiene measures.

We will consider the details carefully and develop our implementation plan which we hope to be able to share with you before the end of term to ensure we can all be as well prepared as possible for a full return to school after the holiday.

It is going to be a busy couple of weeks: we are very pleased to confirm that we will be able to see some of our children from Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 back in school attending special events on the field that are currently being organised. Our first event is next Monday and I am really looking forward to welcoming the children back! The visits are being carefully managed and have been risk assessed to ensure it doesn't impact any of our other existing arrangements. Fingers crossed for a return of the fine weather!

We are also aiming to have a 'virtual move up day' on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon. This will be an opportunity for the children to meet their new teacher online using Microsoft Teams and we will be providing more details next week about how this will be managed.

Congratulations to our two Wellbeing Wednesday certificate winners this week; Anderson and Jasmine who have had some great ideas. I look forward to seeing more next week!

Nationally and locally we have a few busy days ahead and the pace of change will suit some more than others. I hope we can continue to show patience and compassion for those members of our community who

might be finding this more difficult and that we continue to support each other as we take these next steps together.

Yours sincerely,



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