

### **Collection of Children**

Prior to the extended opening of school this week, I issued a Parent Information document regarding the requirements for both children and parents. Please could I remind parents that the government guidance strongly recommends that only one parent drops off or collects the children to help facilitate social distancing at the busy times - thank you in advance for your support with this.

**Friday 12th June**



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### **Feedback Forms**

For the children who have not returned to school, I would like to remind parents to continue to access the 'Weekly Feedback' form to provide staff with feedback about how the children are and on the work being completed. These will continue to be monitored until the summer break.

### **COVID-19 Update for all Parents / Carers**

I would like to begin by thanking you all for your support during the past thirteen weeks, your positive messages via email, Twitter etc have provided us with reassurance about decisions being made and have been very much appreciated. As you will all be aware, in line with government guidance, this week we extended our in school provision and welcomed back some of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children. We also, due to an increase in requests, extended the provision for our 'Key Worker' families and welcomed back 134 key worker children across all the year groups. In total, we now have 191 children attending school. This is one of the highest figures within Salford primary schools. Due to the increase in requests, we have now reached capacity within the provision across many of the bubbles. From this point on, we are asking parents to email into school only if their circumstances have changed and they now require a 'key worker' place for their child. Following any request, we will endeavour to offer a place, although this may well be in a mixed year group bubble (Nur- Y6). Whilst this is not our ideal offer to parents, we are in an extremely difficult situation and trust that parents will be understanding of the external challenges we are facing.

Whilst school sessions have resumed for some children, I am very mindful that a large proportion of our children are still having to continue with the home learning sessions. This week, the government confirmed that the initial proposal of having all primary aged pupils back in school for four weeks before the summer break will not be possible due to the guidance regarding reduced class sizes and the need for social distancing. As a school, we are obviously disappointed that we will not be able to give all children the opportunity to spend time with their friends and class teachers, however understand the need to ensure the safety of our children, staff and wider BroadOak family.

To support those children at home, we will continue to provide daily updates via the Home Learning pages. From next week, the teachers will introduce short video clips to provide further support and encouragement for those children learning at home. Can I also remind parents that the 'Weekly Feedback' form is still accessible on the class home pages and will continue to be monitored by the teachers. We would also urge parents to continue to tweet pictures of the work being completed, or alternatively email directly to the school email so that they can be forwarded to the individual class teachers. I would like to reassure the parents whose children are still at home, that we are as determined as ever to support these children in their learning and appreciate the continuing challenges that families may be facing. We are already making plans to ensure that when all children do return to school, any gaps in learning, due to the necessary school closure, will be addressed by the teaching team.

### **Y6 Transition**

I am aware that due to the current situation, transition for our Year 6 pupils this year will be very different. We are continuing to liaise with all our High School providers and would urge parents to continue to monitor the high school websites for updates. Any information that comes into school will obviously be shared.

### **Pupils Before and After School**

This week in school, we have spent lots of time teaching the children about the importance of social distancing and how this supports the adapted provision in school (i.e. small, consistent bubbles of children, individually allocated desks/ resources etc). It has however been noticed that some of the older children are not remaining compliant with this approach when leaving school. I wanted to remind parents that the government guidance states that *'Parents must do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially outside of school. They must observe the same social distancing principles as adults, as far as possible'*. Please could all parents talk to their children about this and support us in maintaining a safe environment for all.

### **School Annual Reports**

Next Wednesday, we will be emailing out your child's annual report. Due to the restrictions in place, we would ask parents to complete a digital reply / comment slip and return these directly to Miss Fairhurst, our Deputy Headteacher at the following email [hannah.fairhurst@salford.gov.uk](mailto:hannah.fairhurst@salford.gov.uk). Your comments, as always, will be shared with the teaching staff and follow up actions taken as required.