

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you all had a good half term, understandably it will have been very different from usual but the weather was nice so I hope that you and your family were able to make the most of it.

School is very different here both in and out of the classroom with pupils having zones and areas that they need to work and/or play in. However, the children that started with us on Monday 1st June are rising to the challenge and getting know the new procedures and routines. In my letter before half term I said that we would review whether or not we have the staff to open a Year 6 group from 8th June. I can confirm that we have enough staff to open 1 group only; however this will only be from **Tuesday to Friday** due to staffing. Critical Worker Year 6 children will still be accommodated on a Monday and on half days (Tuesday am and Friday am) ; this will be in a Year 6 sub 'bubble' group.

Priority for the Year 6 group will be given to those critical worker children already in school, who will move into this group, children with an ECHP and then the remaining places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We would therefore ask Year 6 parents to confirm with us whether or not they would like their child to return before the end of school on Thursday this week. The specific operational details can be found in my previous letter which was sent out just before half term and on the Risk Assessment which can be found in the Newsletter section on the school website. Please use these details to make an informed decision about whether you wish your child to attend. In addition to these details, Year 6 will use the Oaks class outside fire door as their 'drop off' and 'collection' point.

Due to creating an additional Year 6 group staffing will change slightly in some of the other groups to accommodate this:

- Year R – Miss Ireland & Mrs Brewer
- Year 1- Mrs Wilson/Mrs Corbett, Mrs Benham & Miss Shepherd
- Year 6 – Mr Adey & Mrs Vincent
- Critical Workers 2/3 – Mrs Corbett/Mrs Ferguson & Miss Faber
- Critical workers 4/5 – Mr Paterson & Mrs Littlefield

In my previous letter, I informed you that Mrs Sanders and Mrs Salisbury are shielding, in addition to this Mrs Roots is going on adoption leave at the end of next week so I don't feel it is fair to set her up with a group for a short amount of time for it then be cancelled. Once this additional Year 6 group starts next week this will put the school at capacity for 'groups' being created and it is highly unlikely that we will be able to create any more groups unless the government changes some of the regulations. It is therefore very important that parents who are critical workers continue to let us know their childcare requirements in advance as much as possible to help with planning.

Thank you to all the parents who have started with the new dropping off and collecting children regime this week and for adhering to the social distancing measures. Our drop off and collection times are staggered to allow for this and we would ask that you stick to these times. This will be even more prevalent as we introduce Year 6 into this next week.

Below is a reminder:

- All Critical Workers - 8:40 and 3:15
- Year 6 – 8:50 – 2.40 (Tues & Fri 1:35)
- Year 1 – 9:00 – 2.30 (Tues & Fri 1:25)
- Year R – 9:10 -2.20 (Tues & Fri 1:15)

Please note we can only accommodate critical worker children outside of the staggered hours in Years R, 1 and 6.

If you wish to discuss any matters further then please do email or call the school. Thank you once again for your patience and understanding at this time.

Yours sincerely



Ms J Watson
Headteacher