



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your family are staying Safe and Well. Like all communities at the moment, we miss being together as a large group but are grateful for hearing your news and seeing the achievements of the children in various ways. Below is some general information, in particular, please note the change to school times from September.

Elaine Lynch, Headteacher

## Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 back at school

We feel very lucky to have seen some of your children return to school. We have about 120 children onsite together with most of the staff groups. As you know, we are fortunate to have a large, spacious building; therefore we are able to manage the social distancing expectations well with the current number of people in the building.

## Return to School for children in other year groups

We are expecting more information about this during the next few days. Trust that we will let you know as soon as any official news comes through to us.

## End of year reports

The class teachers have written school reports as they would normally. These have been written about learning and progress up to the time of school closure. Many children have also taken the opportunity to complete a self-portrait and piece of writing "This is Me" which will also be included in the report. Reports are to be sent home towards the end of next week.

## Making plans for September

Clearly things are different in school at the moment because of the partial closure due to Covid-19. Again, we do not know exactly what the arrangements and dates for the new school year are but we are busy making plans for it to start as normal. As part of these plans we will shortly be letting parents/carers know who their children's class teachers will be in September.

## GDPR update

To help with communication in the future we'll be updating our parental records with the email addresses you've entered in Seesaw and Tapestry. This will allow us to better communicate with parents in certain situations. We'll only update the e-mail address of the primary parental contact we have on file (so not extended family members etc. that might be on Seesaw or Tapestry). If you have a problem with this, please get in contact with the school office.



A huge **THANK YOU** to those parents who continue to support the Home Learning. We know that this is proving rewarding but also challenging at times and we are very impressed with the work your children are completing.

## AN IMPORTANT CHANGE TO NOTE for September/ the Autumn Term:

**The school week will end at lunchtime every Friday: 12 noon for children in Reception and 12.10pm for children in all other year groups.**

The reason for this is to enable planning and preparation time to be completed on Friday afternoons. This is normally arranged by organising for teachers to have an afternoon during the school week away from teaching their class. In the autumn that will not be possible due to the long term implications for restricting movement and covering for colleagues who are shielding. On this day children who normally have a free school meal will be able to take home a school made packed lunch.

The daily timetable will be adjusted to make sure that the children still receive the same amount of learning time. More details to follow.

