



2nd June 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read through my letter dated 28th May, please use the information for future reference, you can find a [copy on our website](#).

Phased return

We really appreciate your support as we gradually return pupils to school. You will have been notified **on Friday** by us if your child is in one of the groups to return in the next couple of weeks. Please don't arrive at school without confirmation from us as we won't be able to accommodate. If you are seeking a place for your child in a priority group and you haven't got a start date yet, please let us know. We are here for **everyone**; children at home will continue to receive work and regular communication from staff.

Nature Challenge

A reminder that June marks the start of the Wildlife Trust's [30-day challenge](#) with lots of fun things for families to do.

Shanna's Looking to the Rainbow Song

We are incredibly proud of Shanna Jenner for her beautiful rendition of 'Looking to the Rainbow'. It is incredibly moving and you can watch the superstar singer here!

<https://youtu.be/sMo9xOaULJg>

Year 5 Stop-Motion Video

Jackson Class have been having fun making stop-motion animation videos with Miss Coulson, you can check out their amazing efforts here! <https://youtu.be/kgtHbJmIBTs>

Thank you to everyone for sharing your amazing work, we are always delighted to receive your videos, pictures, poems, photos, writing, maths and more, so please keep sending!

CSW Virtual School Games Competition

This week the competition focuses on Tennis; details can be found [here](#). It's open to all children so have fun!

HMG Advice for Home Education

The Government have updated their page on [support for home education](#).

Temperature checking

A reminder that throughout this time it is a good idea to regularly monitor your child's temperature. If it is higher than normal (a **fever** over **38°C**), your child should not come to school. Please follow the [self-isolation guidance](#) and arrange for your child to be tested as soon as possible.

Mental Health

For many children, the next few weeks may be unsettling. We want to do everything we can to support our children's mental well-being in and out of school. The Anna Freud Centre has developed [useful resources for parents and carers](#) to encourage mental well-being at this time and [this helpful document](#) explains how schools can help children through the unexpected. Keziah Matthews from Shere Infant School and Nursery has written a [lovely picture book](#) for children explaining some of what school will be like in a 'bubble'. There are some really nice messages that you might like to explore if your child is coming back to school soon.

Mr Taylor's Dance – 2

I promise this is the last one! Here's a little something to hopefully make you chuckle this week. <https://youtu.be/euwqQD3vjsI>

The past few months have been some of the most challenging we have faced in our short but happy existence as a school. I am truly grateful for the genuine and heartfelt support from our community, who have stood alongside offering great encouragement throughout. As we enter a new half-term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing staff of St Gabriel's who consistently go above-and-beyond to serve the children of our school. You are remarkable.

Have a great week everyone.



Betsy – Year 1

Yours sincerely,

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