10th June 2020



Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are safe and well at this time and have had a good week so far.

Phased return

We have been working hard over the past couple of weeks to gradually increase the number of pupils in school and it has been lovely to see more children back. School remains very different for all of us at this time but I am thankful that the first steps on the journey to recovery have been taken with such care and love by all. Thank you to all families for your backing and patience during this time; you are helping us to operate safely and support children both at home and in school. Important information for returning pupils is contained in the <u>letter</u> dated 28th May, it is essential that this is read and understood before taking up a place. May I ask all families to please arrive promptly at their allotted time for drop off and pick up. If you are seeking a place for your child in a priority group (Reception/Year 1/Year 6), please let us know. We now have extremely limited capacity for critical worker places.

You may have seen this week the Government announcement that not all year groups are expected to return to school before the summer holidays. As much as we would love to have everyone back in, the current safety measures, especially reduced class sizes, prevents us from being able to accommodate this. I know this will be disappointing for some families in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5. I want to assure those affected that we are still here for you and will make sure that you feel connected over the next five weeks, keep doing your fantastic home learning and making use of the resources available. We will be planning how to organise end of year events for all of our children.

Thank you to everyone at home 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 Dance; details can be found <u>here</u>. It's open to all children so have fun!

E-Bug

Junior-aged children can find fun games and teaching resources about microbes (!) and antibiotics here: <u>https://e-bug.eu/homepage.html?level=junior</u>

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 <u>self-isolation guidance</u> and arrange for your child to be tested as soon as possible.

Mental Health

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 <u>useful resources for parents and</u> <u>carers</u> to encourage mental well-being at this time

Resources to support at home

The education Endowment Foundation have some useful resources available for parents around reading and routines at home.

https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/covid-19-resources/supportresources-to-share-with-parents/

Whether at home or in school, thank you for all you are doing to support.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

Yours sincerely,

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