Email Update to All Parents – Wednesday 3rd June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you are well and staying safe. It has been lovely to welcome more children back this week and hear the sound of laughter and children playing filling the air. A big thank you to everyone who has followed the new routines and rules so well and the children in school have been brilliant, getting used to the regular handwashing, their new zones and different ways of working.

We look forward to welcoming children in year one back tomorrow and there is an email for parents of children in year one today as well.

For those parents/carers who wanted to wait a little while before sending their children in, we will have children start back on a Monday. Please can you let us know via email or telephone by the previous Thursday. This is so we can ensure staffing and groupings can be amended/updated as needed.

We are obviously missing those children who are not in school and hope to be able to see them soon. As previously stated, it is for parents to decide about sending their children into school and there is no compulsion to attend. Each family has unique circumstances and must make their own decision based upon this.

We have updated our home learning to reflect the fact that we are now providing more formal learning in school for those children at school. We will email out an overview to each year group of the sort of thing the children are doing in school. This will consist of 5 maths and English lessons in a sequence, reading/phonics activities and some project based learning. Please do try and follow this where possible and have a daily routine for learning. We will also put this on the school website under the children tab and in the relevant class page.

Additionally, there is more content being added to the school YouTube channel with lessons and activities for different subjects. For younger children in reception, year 1 and 2, please use the school’s phonics videos to support reading. There is also Letters and Sounds at home videos on YouTube which give daily, longer phonics videos to help children learning to read. These are organised into Reception and Year 1 videos and are numbered. Please search Letters and Sounds at Home on YouTube to find them. Please do subscribe to their channel as it is the phonics programme that we use in school so will complement the school’s own work.

Please keep sending examples of children’s learning and work at home into the relevant email address or Tapestry as it is great to see.

Finally, thank you for all the many kind words from parents/carers during this time. It is great to have such a wonderful school community and we look forward to hopefully seeing you in the not too distant future. In the meantime, we hope you stay safe and well.

Best Wishes

Mr O’Donnell