

4th June 2020

Dear Parents,

It does seem slightly surreal that it is now June. When the school was closed by the Government at the end of March, none of us knew how long the 'pause button' would be pressed. Gradually now we are beginning to see a glimmer of light that some sense of a new normality may be on the horizon. Although 'play' has not resumed as yet, there seems to be some hope.

It has been such a pleasure to hear children's voices this week as we have welcomed back over three quarters of the children in YR, Y1 and Y6. They have settled quickly into the new routines and are enjoying being back with their friends and learning. I do hope that the progress the country is making will continue, and so we may be able to welcome back more year groups before the summer. We all miss the children so much.

I do hope that the children who are learning at home are continuing to gain in independence and knowledge as they tackle the various activities. I know their teachers are enjoying seeing the results of their efforts.

The government have updated their guidance for parents, and we have been asked to share this with you. Please see this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

The weather has taken a less summery turn just as the Government has announced that we may meet with six people other than those with whom we live as long as it is outdoors, but this does now include inviting them to the garden. I do hope you are all enjoying being able to see friends and family, and that the children can at last see their friends in a social bubble. We are continuing to emphasise the importance of good hygiene with the children, both those we see and those we communicate with virtually.

The emotional impact of this unprecedented situation on all of our children may only come to light over time. I would like to assure all of you that the emotional and mental health needs of your children will always be our priority. Please do contact the school to let us know of any concerns. We will make every effort to support you as best as we can.

I do hope that all of you are continuing to keep well and finding positives in each day.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
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