



# Shortlanesend School

## Newsletter



19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### Summer Term

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you all continue to remain safe and well.

### School Update

This week we have been boosted by the news that Miss Eddison and Miss Adler (our new teachers for September) have arranged to be here at Shortlanesend School for three days from the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June. This has enabled us to open a new pod for three days for Reception and possibly Year 1 children.

As mentioned last week – we are still bound by government procedures and protocols, so while we will be happy to welcome back more of our children, it is frustrating for us not be seeing all our children; we fully understand the challenges our families face during this current time.

Miss Eddison and Miss Adler are also working on a range of ways to meet their new classes and introduce themselves. Both teachers are very keen, as we all are, to ensure that children return to school feeling as confident, comfortable and secure as possible.

Staff are currently accessing online training and workshops describing the possible effects the lock-down may have had on children and families and detailing helpful and purposeful strategies for helping children return to school. Furthermore, alongside our current provision for online learning and here at school staff are planning for the future, again to ensure that when the children return – we are fully ready to welcome them back emotionally and academically to the highest standard.

Also, this week we have managed to trim down our waiting list significantly for Key Worker children thanks to some parents who kindly informed us they no longer required a space; if you are a key worker and your child has a reserved place in one of our pods – which you no longer require inform us swiftly, as we may be able to offer that space to family on our waiting list.

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

### Thank You

The staff would like to thank every child and family who has sent a card or picture saying they miss being here and with their teachers and adults. It is a very thoughtful gesture, and has helped our well-being receiving such thoughtful, bright and simply lovely messages. Thank you.

## Year 6

This week FOSS arranged for the delivery of the Year 6 Leaver's Hoodie to arrive early – All our Year 6 children have collected these, and we have evidence some are being worn with pride – as they should be. Thank you to Mrs Solway and FOSS for arranging this.

## Well-being

One image to help with the current situation is: **We are all in the same storm, but in different boats** – we will each be experiencing these times differently, have different levels of acceptance, different levels of panic and fear. It is perfectly normal for us to feel anxious, worried or scared during this challenging time. If you need to talk, here are some useful contacts:

### **Family Lives**

Advice on all aspects of parenting.

Phone: 0808 800 2222 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 9pm and Saturday to Sunday, 10am to 3pm)

Website: [www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk)

### **Relate**

The UK's largest provider of relationship support.

Website: [www.relate.org.uk](http://www.relate.org.uk)

### **Young Minds**

Information on child and adolescent mental health. Services for parents and professionals.

Phone: Parents' helpline 0808 802 5544 (Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 4pm)

Website: [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

### **Samaritans**

Confidential support for people experiencing feelings of distress or despair.

Phone: 116 123 (free 24-hour helpline)

Website: [www.samaritans.org.uk](http://www.samaritans.org.uk)



