

Covid-19 Update No 4: Tuesday 12th May 2020

General update

Latest announcements from the government

- There have been several documents released since Sunday that have talked about more pupils returning to school.
- Special Schools are **NOT** being asked to bring specific Year groups back into school. We are expected to continue offering school places to pupils from keyworker families and those pupils who are the very most vulnerable, mostly with social care involvement
- We have been asked to continue gradually offering more places to pupils where it is safe to do so, which we have been doing since Easter and this will continue
- Nothing has changed and will not do so until we have clear evidence that it is safe for more pupils to be in school
- We are not expecting children to return to school if parents and carers feel they are safer at home. There is no pressure to return. Home remains the safest place for the vast majority of pupils
- When pupils come to school we have to make sure we have enough staff with the appropriate knowledge and skills to meet the needs of our pupils. Currently we only have 50% of our staff available
- We have to try to maintain social distancing as best as we can and cannot have too many children and adults in school at any one time
- We will be in regular contact with you, ask you for your views. We will continue to provide high quality home learning

Communication

- We continue to phone families at least weekly
- We post information on our websites weekly
- We continue to use our text service regularly

Home Learning

- Photographs of home learning are being posted weekly on the websites – they're fab and provide you with lots of extra ideas
- Home learning is available for every child in every class and can be downloaded from our websites or posted to you if you do not have access to the internet

Thank you all for your support and the positive feedback we have been receiving about our staff team and the efforts they are going to, to keep in touch and provide creative activities for you to engage in with your child. Also thank you to those staff in school for putting themselves "on the line" every week, making sure children are happy and engaged and well looked after.

Best wishes to you all. Stay safe.

Alison