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Dear Parents,

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE 18

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL PARENTS

Wider Opening and Remote Learning

The school has offered places to 63 children in accordance with our external risk assessment visit and from Monday 22nd June **only** those children will be able to come to school. Staff will collect children from lines on the playground and names will be checked on arrival at school.

We were not surprised by the high demand for places in the proposed year groups and our thoughts are particularly with those pupils in Year Six who, earlier in the year, were anticipating the traditions of the conclusion of primary education. Our school had made transition arrangements which had to be cancelled by government guidance in May, in the interests of safety.

The vast majority of the staff have been redeployed in the school and organisation is determined by pupil numbers and suitable accommodation. Several areas of the school are decommissioned or in very limited use such as four classrooms, the school hall and a system of class pods is designed to prevent intermixing of pupils. We will upload information on the school website so that you can appreciate the level of planning required to open for a relatively small group of children (< 20% of the school's population).

Remote Learning

Remote learning continues for everybody else and we have determined to enhance the provision in this area. We have set up a hotline for parents to contact a dedicated school staff team in relation to school work. Mrs Tyrrell, Mrs Claro and Mrs Sugden are not available to work in school so they will be managing remote learning. They will have a school mobile phone that you can call with any queries from 9.00am -12noon and 1.00pm to 3.00pm five days a week. They will liaise with your child's teacher, refer you to specific learning resources and coordinate remote learning for Reception to Year Six.

Mrs Tyrrell Contact for Parents of children in Nursery Reception Year 1 Year 2 **07561 676 863**

Mrs Claro Contact for Parents of children in Year 3 and Year 4 **07561 676 962**

Mrs Sugden Contact for Parents of children in Years 5 and 6 **07561 695 042**

Headteacher Mr Kieran A Loftus

Chair of Governors Ms Carmel Howard

Next Steps

Recently, there has been much debate in relation to; possibly changing social distancing measures, what will happen in September? and Catch Up Summer Schools. We are all very concerned about the disruption to this year as well as how the start of a next school year will look; particularly, when we have some four weeks remaining of this year. I will write to you again on these matters when guidance becomes available.

A reduced annual pupil report will be issued to all parents next month based on the children's time in school leading up to 20th March 2020.

The school is aiming to adopt a cashless system and we are working with a company at the moment. The current crisis has accelerated progress in this area and we will be writing to you to explain the changes and registration.

Once again, we thank you for your interest and support and whatever you are able to do with your children in relation to home learning. We all look forward to taking the next step forward on Monday and hope that our initiative is well received.

Stay safe and keep well with your families!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kieran A Loftus". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kieran A Loftus Headteacher