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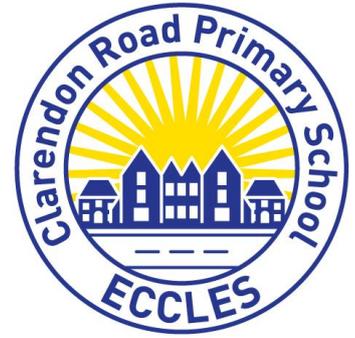
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RE: Covid-19 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We want to thank you once again for all your support, understanding and co-operation since March. It is hard to believe that today marks the 100th day since lockdown began. When we closed to most pupils in March, we did it thinking the situation would be resolved a lot quicker than is the case and truly hoped we would be able to have all our pupils back with us before the summer break.

Unfortunately, that has not been the case, but we are thankful that our families, staff and whole community have been safe at home and that we are now in a position to start fully planning for September and a new academic year.

At this time of year, we know that anxieties begin to grow as it is a time of change. This year, more than ever, it is important to us that our pupils and families have the safest, smoothest transition we can offer.

We are waiting on guidance from the DfE to know exactly what school will look like in September, but we have made some decisions as a school and want to give you as much notice as possible.

Which children will be in school before the end of the summer term?

1. We now have keyworker and vulnerable pupils, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 back in school.
2. Updated guidance from the DfE last week suggested we can relax the 2m rule from 6th July.
 - a. We still need to be very cautious about the numbers of pupils in school to maintain safe distances in line with our Risk Assessment, but we have a limited number of additional places for the last two weeks of term.
 - b. We are offering these to pupils who would significantly benefit from time in school before the summer holidays.
 - c. We are in the processing of contacting the families we are offering these places to this week.

3. School will close for summer to ALL PUPILS on Thursday 16th July. School WILL NOT be open to any pupils over the summer break.

What are the transition arrangements this year for current Reception – Year 5?

We are acutely aware of the importance of transition for our pupils, staff and families and feel it is a very valuable process to take part in each year. This year, we feel this is even more important as some pupils have not been able to come to school for such a long time.

With that in mind, we are offering socially distanced 1 to 1 meetings for September's Year 1 – 6 pupils who are not in school on **Friday 10th July** on the playground*. The purpose of the short meeting is for children to begin building a relationship with their new class teacher. **ONE parent** can join the meeting.

This induction event is optional, but we do hope lots of you choose to attend.

Details of which class children are in, time slots for their meeting and safety measures that will be in place will be sent out later this week.

Pupils who are attending school at the minute will briefly meet their teacher in a safe way before we break up for summer.

*Although the forecast for Friday 10th July is currently positive, this is subject to favourable weather. If we have to cancel face-to-face meetings, we will notify everyone via Parentapps and staff will ring each child during their allocated time slot that day.

When will I receive my child's school report?

These will be given out by the new class teacher at the children's transition meetings or sent home with those pupils who are currently attending school on Friday 10th July.

If you cannot attend a meeting and your child is not in school, they will be posted on Monday 13th July.

There will be a short ParentApp response form to complete instead of the paper form we usually send.

What is happening in September?

It is expected that we will receive the DfE guidance for September 2020 by the end of this week. We will update you further as soon as we can.

It is likely that there will be changes to the guidance during the summer break so we have taken the decision (in line with LA permission) to add some additional INSET days in September for the 2020-21 academic year. This gives us time to make any adjustments necessary; to make sure school is safe for our pupils, staff and whole community; and to communicate with you regarding the safety measures that will be in place.

September return to school date	
KS1 and KS2 (Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)	Friday 4 th September

What about September 2020 Reception and Nursery pupils?

These families have received a starter pack and there are many resources available on the school website. They will all receive a separate letter this week with details of transition arrangements and September start dates.

Next steps

We hope this helps everyone start to think ahead and relieves some of the anxieties you and your child may be experiencing. If you have any questions about the end of term, transition arrangements or plans for the new academic year so far, please do contact us by emailing school.

Stay happy, stay proud and keep shining!



Mrs R Gallagher
Headteacher