



Chestnuts Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, the government have advised us that it is safe for us to begin reopening more of the school to **some** children. Since the 20th March, school has been open to the children of critical workers and those deemed vulnerable.

As per Government guidance, we have invited children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 6** back to school in smaller groups than we would have previously had. We have worked very hard to make this as safe as possible for all children, staff and parents. Children in these three year groups have been split into smaller working groups – bubbles - and will stay in small groups until we are advised that we can return to larger class groups.

The challenge that this leaves us with is a lack of space and staff. We have converted the dining room into a classroom, the hall into two classrooms and the library has been removed to create another classroom. Every space that can be utilised has been. We also have all staff who can return to work allocated to bubbles. This means we cannot welcome back all of the children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5.

The government had initially announced that they hoped all primary school children would be able to return to school for the last month of the academic year, however they have now said that this is unlikely to happen. It is therefore highly unlikely that all children in Years 2, 3, 4 or 5 will return to school before September. We will however, continue to look at ways of providing some time in school for as many children as possible, continuing to follow the governments guidance on group sizes and social distancing. This will take time to plan for and co-ordinate so I ask you to bear with us.

Home learning will therefore continue to be the educational provision for those children who are unable to return. We will continue to share the learning via Google Classroom and email to support you in keeping your children focused and engaged in the learning process. We are also aware that some parents are concerned about the amount of screen time their children are having so we are also looking at providing alternative learning opportunities and will be in touch again shortly when these plans are finalised.



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Things may change in the next few weeks, but I felt you should be aware of the situation so that you could prepare yourselves and your children for probably not returning to school. I will however keep in touch as and when any future plans are developed.

We are, as always, here to support you via email and telephone and will continue to call each of you periodically to see if we can do anything to support you.

Until we can join together again as a full school community, take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully,

Becky Skillings
Headteacher



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