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Fitzwaryn

'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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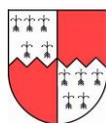
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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are all staying safe and enjoying some of the glorious sunshine!

We are now at the end of what has been another 'different' term. There have been so many highlights both in school and for you at home, thank you for sharing them with us over the phone, on the website or on the face book page.

Please look at the E-Library information that was sent out last week – it really is a wonderful resource for your child – not only for now but into the future! We have had positive feedback from you, thank you!

Mrs Gordon has also completed a virtual choir (Gareth Malone eat your heart out!!) and I know there are plans for more! I am hoping to join one very soon – I promise I won't sing and spoil it though!

I know that some of the children at home have been really enjoying the Zoom calls with their class mates and teachers; I also recognise that this format is difficult for some children to understand so we will continue to try and find ways round of connecting to children and families at home.

Communication with parents

Some of you have told us that you have had problems with your phone lines. We have also encountered situations recently where we have not had the correct contact details for you, or we have had to leave numerous messages. So that we continue to be able to contact you in all situations going forward, please ensure that your updated correct details are sent to the school office office.7027@fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk

Arrangements for Term 6

We are very much looking forward to seeing more children in school and have been working hard to ensure that a plan is in place for this to happen in the safest possible way whilst keeping the happiness and well-being of all of our children and staff close at heart.



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However, in order for the school to open more widely, the UK government will need their 5 tests to be met. An announcement is due on 28th May. I will make sure that you are fully informed after that date (or before if an announcement comes early) of the final arrangements.

Thank you to all of you who have stated whether or not you are requiring a part time place for Term 6. We are now planning for a return for some pupils if we are given permission to do so.

Please note – the children who have not been in school during Term 5 will not be returning to Fitzwaryn until June 8th at the very earliest.

There is no change to the arrangements for the children who have already accessed school in Term 5, they will return on 1st June following the half term break.

Provisional part time places for Term 6 will be sent to parents who have requested a place on Friday 22nd May. More details of what you will need to know about your child returning to school will be sent out nearer the time.

Please note, should the government deem that schools are not safe to admit more pupils, these provisional places will be withdrawn.

I know some of you are still unsure and want to wait a little bit longer before you decide; that is fine – I will be reviewing the situation at regular intervals and there may be opportunities for your child to come back to school later in the term. What I cannot allow is if your child is at home and you want them to return to school the next day. You will need to consult with me first and there may be up to 7 days for a place to be confirmed.

We have also been asked if we can make the decision if a pupil should return or not – unfortunately, we are not in the position to be able to do that, the decision needs to lie with you as parents.

A reminder that those children who are classed as extremely clinically vulnerable and clinically vulnerable should not be attending school. Thank you for sending copies of shielding letters in for our records.

Some of you have naturally had queries and I shall try and answer the most common ones below:

Transport

I have been informed that transport providers will be working towards ensuring that your child is transported to school. However, there may be some changes to your child's transport in terms of routes, pick up and drop off times. Transport are implementing social distancing rules in taxis and fleet buses by limiting the number of pupils on each journey. If your child is usually transported to school and you choose to transport yourself, you will be entitled to claim for the mileage travelled. This will be dealt with by the Transport Team at OCC. The allocation is usually just over 40p per mile for the journey whilst your child is in the car.

Class allocations

The health, well-being and personal situations of staff as well as for pupils are a priority. Whilst it is likely that your child will be in a group with staff who know your child, this may not be your child's regular class team. More details will be sent to you nearer the time.

Curriculum

Mrs Edwards has been working hard on the principles of the curriculum for the coming months. It is very much based on research into a Restorative model; we will post more details on the website once we have finalised it. We have kept the mental health and well-being of the children as the central principle.

The teachers will ensure that we continue to make links between those children who remain at home and those who are in school.

Social Distancing

We will do everything that we can to ensure social distancing. However, as I have said before, we cannot guarantee this, as naturally children will want to talk/sit/play together. Some children will understandably gravitate towards each other and will not understand any kind of 2m 'rule'. Whilst keeping children safe is paramount, we also want children to feel relaxed and happy being back at school and do not want to add to any anxieties they may already have.

PPE

The school has acquired PPE and this will be used by staff for certain tasks such as intimate care. PPE will not be used routinely in school but extra precautions will need to be put in place for certain activities.

As it is half term next week, the school will be closed. I am hoping that there will continue to be lots of sunshine to be enjoyed and ice cream to be eaten (in the safest way of course!)

In the meantime, please take care and look after your loved ones.

Best wishes

Stephanie Coneboy

Headteacher