



Wednesday 10th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of children in **Pre –School, Reception and Year 1**

I do hope you are all keeping well! It has been lovely to hear children’s laughter here at Buckland Newton CE Primary again. ‘A school is not a school without children.’

Last week our Reception and Year 1 children were invited back to school. Numbers have been low but all the children have settled in well and are pleased to be back. They have accepted our new ‘rules’ and the different way the school, now looks. We have tried to make as few changes as possible but obviously there have been some, along with new routines such as more regular hand washing and some restrictions in the classroom and playground. As we knew and has been recognised social distancing with young children is very difficult so other precautions are in place to try to keep everyone as safe as we can.

Our key worker’s children have been in from the 1st June and this week we were joined by Year 6, most of whom returned to school. They have been especially pleased to be back and spend time with their friends.

All the children have been taught in their ‘bubbles’ and they have not mixed with other groups. The children have been doing lots of learning in many ways. They have all spent time on reading, writing and mathematics but the timetable has been very flexible. They have all worked on a range of subjects too including creative, physical and scientific topics. All the children have spent a lot of time outside on a variety of enjoyable tasks from riding bikes to sharing stories and gardening.

As promised I would be reviewing the situation every 2 weeks which will be up the end of this week. As you will be aware in line with Government expectations **all children in Rec and Year 1 are invited to return to school**. Please let me know by contacting the school office by **this Friday 12th June at 10am** if you wish your child to join Rec/Year1 next week on Monday 15th June. Following the Government announcement yesterday there are no immediate plans for the other year group to return to school at the moment.

I plan to **reopen Little Adventures on Monday 15th June** too. Some parents have shown some interest but I would be grateful if you could also confirm with the school office by this Friday at 10am if you would like your child to attend. As soon as we know numbers we will confirm our opening hours. You will have now seen Kates ‘Welcome back video which shows our current set up. Pre-school will be spending most of their day outside.

I attach with this letter the ‘Frequently Asked Questions, which give you more information and the original invitation letter. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or require any additional information.

Kind regards

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