

# Castlecroft Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> June we welcomed back two bubbles of Yr 6 children. We were not able to open to Reception or Year 1 pupils due to the high demand for places by Key worker families and an increasing number of vulnerable children. Year 6 children were prioritised following a city wide decision by secondary schools to run an extended transition therefore allowing primary schools to open to other year groups for the last 4 weeks of term. It was our plan to open to Reception and Year 1 pupils from 22<sup>nd</sup> June once year 6 had started this transition to secondary school. However some things have changed.

- Secondary schools are no longer going to run this extended transition. Since the government's announcement that primary schools will not be expected to take all children back from July, the secondary schools have changed their offer and will now offer a reduced transition that will vary from school to school. Secondary schools will be in touch with families shortly outlining their arrangements.
- Our Key worker group remains large and we are gaining more and more vulnerable children. Key worker children or vulnerable children in Year 6 will now need to maintain their provision in school as well.

As a school leadership team we have discussed many different models to try and welcome back the identified year groups (Rec and Y1) as well as maintaining year 6 and Key worker/vulnerable children but we simply don't have the capacity. Therefore the following decisions have been made:-

- **Year 6 will cease attending as originally planned on 18<sup>th</sup> June** (unless they are vulnerable or child of a key worker) and parents have been informed of this. They will continue to have work set for them remotely and they remain our students until the last day of term.
- This will leave 2 bubbles empty. We will need to fill one of these with a new Key worker/ vulnerable pupil bubble due to increased demand and the need to accommodate Year 6 pupils who are children of key workers or identified as being vulnerable.
- This only leaves one more bubble vacant. A decision has been made to invite **Reception pupils back beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Please note these are pupils who responded by our original extended deadline. We will be**



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contacting these parents to discuss the arrangements for their child's return to school.

- We have tried to leave staff teams in each bubble the same as far as possible and in the same class bases. However it does make sense for Reception children to be in reception class and so there will be some movement of rooms and groups. The Key worker bubble based in Reception will now need to move into Yr1 classroom.
- **On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** school will be closed to **all pupils** to allow for a deep cleaning of the school before we welcome new pupils and move existing pupils into new bases.
- **We will not therefore be accepting pupils from Yr1.** This is a huge disappointment to us and I am aware that this will be hugely disappointing to some of our children and parents in this year group too.

I am also aware that there will be many children in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 who will have been disappointed that they will not return to school before September and again we are disappointed about this too. We will continue to set work for the children in these groups to complete at home and we love to see the work that children have completed. Indeed Miss Ali is in the process of putting up a display of fabulous pieces of work completed at home. We will try and send pictures once it is completed.

## **Important Information for families who are eligible for Free School Meals.**

Eligible families have been receiving vouchers that can be spent at a supermarket. The current vouchers cover the period up to the 22<sup>nd</sup> June. However the government has asked that schools move away from the voucher scheme and provide food parcels or packed lunches instead, if they have an active kitchen. Therefore, from the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> June, our catering company will prepare weekly food hampers that can be collected from the school office. We will contact these families directly to give more detail of when the hampers will be ready for collection.

## **Information about school reports and uniform orders**

The teachers have completed pupil reports and I am currently reading and commenting on each of them and hope to have these posted out to you before the end of June. We will also include a school uniform order form and covering letter in



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the envelope as well. At the time of writing this letter we are unsure whether the school will be fully open in September or not but we are planning to run our school uniform service as normal at the moment.

I am aware that a lot of information has been given in this letter. If you have any questions or concerns that you wish to raise you can call on the office number or email me using the office email address [office@castlecroftprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:office@castlecroftprimaryschool.co.uk)

Stay safe.

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