

Update: 5.6.20



Good morning,

I hope you are all well. Following our meeting with governors we can now update you with the following:

- The number of key worker and vulnerable children requiring a place in our school has been very high. Unfortunately, this means that we can no longer process further requests for key worker places - otherwise we will not have the capacity to admit any further year groups. However, if you do require a place please email [l.gowland100@cestria.durham.sch.uk](mailto:l.gowland100@cestria.durham.sch.uk) and we will put your name on a waiting list and do our best to accommodate if possible.
- As we do not have capacity to admit all 6 classes in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, we have decided to create a rota system to allow all children to spend some time with us each week rather than just 1 year group.
- The rota will start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- For children in Years 2-5 who are not in school, staff will be given some time each week to support home learning. At this point there is still no information regarding the possible return of these year groups so it is important we consider how best to support these children once staff return to classrooms with the other year groups. We will update you further next week.
- We are working on a system so all children will have access to the same activities whether they are at home or in school.
- Children in Reception will be in school for half a day per week either 9.30-11.30 or 12.30-2.30. Year 1 and Year 6 classes will be in in one day a week from 9.30-2.30. Key worker and vulnerable children will continue to be in school from 9-3.15pm.
- The children will be divided into group 'bubbles' spread across classrooms with a designated teacher for each bubble.
- Please be aware this means they will probably not be with their normal class teacher.
- Please explain to your child that all their friends may not be in their bubble or in school at all.
- It is of course your choice if you want your child to return to school. You know your child best and you know your situation – we completely respect any decision you make. For planning purposes, I would ask that you decide for the remainder of the half term please.
- Just to reassure you, we are now working with lots of 'bubbles' in school. Things are working well and once the children get used to the different environment they are settled and happy and generally having a lovely time.

|                  | ROTA OF CLASSES RETURNING              |                           | KEY WORKER & VULNERABLE BUBBLES (KWV) |
|------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Little Stars (9.30-11.30)              | Little Moons (12.30-2.30) | KWV bubbles (9am-3.15)                |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9.30-2.30 Year 1 – Pluto (9.30-2.30)   |                           | KWV bubbles (9am-3.15)                |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9.30-2.30 Year 1 – Neptune (9.30-2.30) |                           | KWV bubbles (9am-3.15)                |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 9.30-2.30 Year 6 – Pegasus (9.30-2.30) |                           | KWV bubbles (9am-3.15)                |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9.30-2.30 Year 6 – Orion (9.30-2.30)   |                           | KWV bubbles (9am-3.15)                |

**I just wanted to update you with year group returns as quickly as I could. Further information regarding procedures and guidance for returning to school will follow next week.  
We very much look forward to welcoming you back soon!**

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