

Learning and Caring Together,  
“...they will flourish in the courts of our God.” (Psalm 92:13)

## COVID-19 School Closure Keeping in touch: Letter 8

15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I know that the main thing that you will be interested in this week is the government's directives for schools to begin a phased return. As I have communicated earlier in the week, we are preparing the school environment, routines and curriculum to be compliant with the directives set out by the government and, unless circumstances change, school will be re-opening for all nursery, reception and year 1 children from Monday June 1st 2020. Our academy trust (SUAT) has communicated with the DfE about our 3 tier system and year 4 transition but, as yet, we don't know any more about the children's return to school apart from... it is the government's ambition for all children to be back for a month before the end of term if it is safe to do so. As soon as we do hear anything at all, we will let you know for sure.

The government is strongly encouraging that all eligible children attend their education setting (unless they are self-isolating or have specific medical vulnerability within the household). I will, of course, update you with more details on the phased return as our plans come together but here are a few pointers as a starter:

- We will continue to upload home learning packs for all year groups.
- Health and safety risk assessments including cleaning, hygiene and social distancing routines and practices, will be in place in school.
- Wellbeing will be a priority area for our phased return curriculum.
- Wherever possible, children will be placed in groups of no more than 15 with a familiar, consistent, designated member of staff.
- Each group will use one classroom/designated space, their external classroom door and a designated outdoor space throughout the day (including dinnertimes).
- There will be a 'one way' staggered and distanced entry and dismissal, with staff at key points to guide and ensure that the 'flow' is managed safely. ***Please note that entry and dismissal times may be earlier/later than usual to ensure that safety measures are adhered to. I am hoping to share these timings with you early next week.***
- Freshstart will be offering a scaled down menu. This is likely to be a packed lunch served in a bio degradable paper bag. They will re-open Meal Manager in time for orders to be placed by parents/carers.
- Eddies will be open to all children in school until the end of term. Please book your places directly. ***On site before, after school and holiday provision will continue throughout the summer holiday and beyond too.*** I will update you with more details about this soon but please

do not hesitate to contact me via dojo or Mrs Leese if you have any queries or questions about this.

Before I sign off, I must tell you to keep an eye out in the Leek Post and Times on 20<sup>th</sup> May. We believe our school may feature?! You can also see some of our children's art work on Morrison's community board. What super stars they all are!

Have a lovely weekend all and I will speak with you again soon.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Machin



Mrs S. Machin  
Principal