

Wednesday 24th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday the Prime Minister announced the relaxation of a number of social distancing restrictions, meaning that many significant changes will take place from the 4th July. In addition to these plans, it was announced that it is the Government's intention that primary education will recommence in September with full attendance. We have been promised further information in the coming weeks, once this guidance is published and we have a comprehensive plan informed by this, we will share it with you. I know many of you are waiting patiently for this, thank you! So long as we can ensure safety, the thought of all children returning to school in September is a truly heartening one.

Today, we have again reviewed our in school measures and concluded that:

- children are happy and learning
- our full risk assessment has been positively reviewed
- there is no significant rise in incidents of coronavirus across the school
- staffing and room capacity allows wider reopening.

As a result, we are pleased to invite our Nursery children back into school from next week. A separate letter will be sent to detail arrangements for Nursery parents. Despite a wish to extend this offer to additional year groups, we are sadly now at a point where we are very close to capacity. Due to the social distancing measures, we have run out of classroom spaces for bubbles to work in and have run out of staff to teach bubbles. This means that unfortunately we will not be able to provide a way for all children in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 to come back to school before September. As has now been the case since the end of March, we will continue to provide home learning opportunities for all children not back in school.

In order to ensure that we have best utilised the few available places that we have left, can we ask that if you are a Key Worker parent or a parent of a child in Years 6, 1, Reception or Nursery, and you now need a school place for your child, please contact your school **by 12pm Friday 26th June. Any requests after this date are unlikely to be able to be granted.**

Our staff are sensitive to the fact that you and the children are keen to know the classes and teachers they will have next year. We are currently finalising this information and working hard to put into place arrangements that will support transition into these new classes. Our hope is that as long as everything stays as stable as it is now, then this will involve either an online, or in school meeting with your child's current teacher and new teacher.

We understand that for Year 6 children and parents, this is absolutely not the way you would have hoped to say goodbye to your time with us. To ensure you are given the best send-off possible, we would like to invite you to a socially distanced leavers afternoon on Wednesday 15th July. We will provide further information early next week.

Thank you all, once again for your incredible support, your commitment to the learning of your child in these very difficult circumstances and for continuing to understand the limitations placed on the Beechfield, Cherry Tree and Laurance Haines schools during this crisis. We are already looking forward to September when we hope we can see you all in school!

Thank you for your support.

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Gillian Jackson – Headteacher, Beechfield School
Sebastian Gray – Headteacher, Laurance Haines School