

'Flourishing together'



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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well and continuing to remain safe? As we are coming to the final weeks of our last half term I wanted to get in touch and let you know the current situation we are in at school.

As a school, we have been continuing to care for and support children of key workers and some children in reception, year 1 and year 6. This provision will remain in place until the end of the term when school will close for everyone for the summer holidays. We hope you have enjoyed seeing some of the learning the children have been doing in school. Our teachers have also continued to set home learning each week that includes enrichment tasks to allow children to have a broad and balanced experience. There is one more enrichment week planned. We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing and sharing home learning that has been sent through to the teachers – it brings joy to our hearts seeing how our children are continuing to flourish whilst at home. We have been extremely impressed to see how our children and families are still embracing their learning and are so proud of the children's continued efforts.

As yet, we have not received any comprehensive guidance from Central Government, the Local Authority or Public Health that allows us to make any final decisions on amending our comprehensive risk assessment as to what school will look like for children and staff in September. We are working continuously on ensuring that the safety of children, families and staff remain as safe as possible with the current protective measures in place. We hope that we have this guidance before the end of the term to allow us to plan appropriately and robustly and communicate our plans with you in sufficient time.

The Government have released details of their 'Covid 19 catch-up plan to tackle the impact of lost teaching time' We have read this guidance carefully and I wanted to reassure you that we have begun to plan clear strategies on how to support children in all year groups when they return to school. However we still await more detailed guidance on this and again we will inform you as soon as we have more information.

The Government is offering support for families that are struggling as a result of coronavirus. Please follow the link below if you require additional support.

<https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-support>

We have also attached the latest advice for parents and carers on keeping children safe from harm.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>



Class Structure for next academic year 2020 - 2021

Due to variations in year group numbers and with children moving up a year, we are having to change the structure of our classes for the coming academic year (2020-21). Following discussions with both staff and the Governing Body, we have now finalised our class structure for 2020-2021 as follows:

Class	Year Groups	Class Teacher
Blossom	Early Years / Year 1	Mrs Davison and Mrs Akroyd
Willow	Year 2 / Year 3	Miss Margetson
Birch	Year 4	Mrs Campbell ad Mrs Rothwell
Oak	Year 5 / Year 6	Mrs Harrison

We want to make it clear that as a small primary school our classes will be and can be mixed ages although from September there will be a full class of Year 4 children. Sutton in Craven CE Primary has a commitment to ensure that all children flourish and reach their potential at any point in their learning journey. Teachers work closely together on the curriculum themes and learning opportunities to enable individuals to do their best. Over the Summer term we have been revisiting our long term curriculum plans to ensure that, with this change in class structure, no children miss out on covering aspects of the curriculum.

Transition to a new class or year group is a very important time for children and please be rest assured that this is very much at the forefront of our planning at the moment. There will be transition activities sent as part of home learning.

Microsoft Teams

From next week we will be offering a weekly catch up video session for your child with their class teacher. This will be through the new platform, Microsoft Teams. As a school we have worked exceptionally hard to get this up and running as a tool we can use to support your child both in and out of school going forward. We appreciate that there will only be three meetings before the end of the term but equally feel it is very important for children that have not been in school to have the opportunity to see their teacher and also some of their peers that they may not have seen since the end of March. We really appreciate that the situation has been very difficult for many of our families and children and hope that this will support as we head into the six weeks holidays.

You child will be invited to join a Microsoft Teams meeting via email, this will be a set day and time. All children will have a chance see and hear their teacher and peers. We have included a Microsoft Teams home school agreement that sets out clear protocol to safeguard all involved and also a how to use guide to support you to set it up and get going. Please go through this with your child/children before your organised meeting. There is no facility for children to chat or comment nor can passwords be changed – this is also for safeguarding purposes.

In addition to this, and to ensure any safeguarding risks are minimised, all teachers have undergone training and will always hold the meetings with a neutral background set up. Instructions and expectations will be set out at the beginning of each meeting. We have attached a guide to support and help you to set up Microsoft teams. You will receive a separate personalised letter with the email and password for your child to use in order to set up teams from home. Please do let us know if you are having difficulties with these. This is a new tool for us all and we are all learning together, if we do not know how to help and support immediately then



please bear with us while we find out. We are just mindful that time is ticking on and want to have a go before the summer holidays.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



With very best wishes,

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