

Highfield Update Monday June 1st 2020

Dear Parents and careers,

I am writing to update you on our plans to re-open school on a phased basis starting with our vulnerable children and critical workers tomorrow 2nd June and our reception children on 4th June.

CRITICAL WORKER, VULNERABLE AND RECEPTION CHILDREN

I have been able to offer all our critical worker children (who requested a place), vulnerable children and Reception children a place in school. We have 182 reception children plus critical workers on our school list who have all now been allocated a space in a bubble. I have been able to set up 15 classroom bubbles with a total of 222 places (one of our classrooms could only accommodate 12 desks and chairs). I can staff these 15 bubbles but do not have enough staff to create any more bubbles. I would actually need 15 more classrooms and 15 more teachers to be able to invite the whole school back before the summer.

THE FOUR RECEPTION BUBBLE PICTURES



YEAR 1

I only have capacity for **34** more year one children in the Key Stage 1 bubbles and as we have 45 year one children currently not with a place I am therefore asking year 1 parents to e-mail the office if they want a place for their child on 8th June. If we have more than 34 requests we will be unable to offer the places as I cannot prioritize one child above another. The cut off for the requests is Wednesday at 3.30 p.m. Anyone who replies after this date cannot be accommodated. If we do receive 34 requests or less then these children will be able to return to school on June 8th. I will e-mail year 1 parents on Thursday and let them know the result.

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YEAR 6

Sadly, and as I expected, I cannot accommodate all our year 6 pupils. I am so sorry that they will miss their end of school experiences and hope that at some point in the future when things finally return to normal we can all gather together again for a proper goodbye.

SEESAW

We do have a reduced number of staff who have to work from home but they will continue running SEESAW for every year group in school. So whether you find yourself in a Highfield bubble or at home please rest assured every child matters at Highfield and no child will be forgotten. I have no idea what the government plans are for July, the summer holidays or September and will of course write to you as soon as any plans are released.

REPORTS

All the teachers are writing school reports for every child and they will be e-mailed home to you in July. The DfE has issued guidance to school on report writing this year as of course we have no end of year attainment data. The reports will include a thorough general comment covering the curriculum. They will also include a progress prediction by the teacher of what they think the child's attainment would have been if school had not closed in March. They will include your child's next teacher in September (if we are back to normal by then). There will also be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's school report with a teacher should you wish to via a telephone conversation either in July for those teachers in school, or September for those teachers who are unable to return to work this term.

Please continue to keep your children safe happy and be proud of what we are all doing together as Highfield community.

Julie Colley

