

Friday 12th June 2020

Information regarding current arrangements

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Over the last couple of weeks it has been a pleasure to welcome some of our EYFS and Year 1 pupils back to school. We have also seen an increase in the number of children of critical workers. It has been wonderful seeing our classrooms back in use and hear the children chatting and working. All of this has been done in line with our rigorous risk assessments and arrangements in place to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. We now have 18 'bubbles' or groups being taught and managed across our school. Please see below for arrangements with regards to booking a place at school:

- If you are a critical worker, as per the Government guidelines, and have already confirmed a place for your child at school, we will be sending out a weekly booking form directly to you only and not to all parents as we have done previously.
- Any parents who are critical workers but have not yet requested a place for their child but needs one in the future will need to contact the school office to put in a request. Availability will depend on whether we have space within our current arrangements. Please also note we are not able to offer any new places at our wrap around care provision.
- If your child is in EYFS or Year 1 and has been attending since those year groups came back, they have a confirmed place at school.
- If your child is in EYFS or Year 1 and you chose not to send your child back to school and you have changed your mind, you will need to contact the school office or the class teacher to request this. Availability will depend on whether we have space within our current arrangements.

If your child is returning to school for the first time, please take some time to look at the risk assessment which is published on our website along with the booklet for parents which explains all of our arrangements as well as the expectations we have. This has been updated to include information about the additional Key Worker bubble we will have from next week. Teachers will continue to talk to your child about the expectations, rules and routines that we have in place to keep everyone safe. **It is important that you read the booklet and discuss the information with your child.**

With regards to Year 6, after much deliberation, discussion and assessing risks, we have come to the conclusion that we are sadly unable to welcome the Year 6 pupils back as a year group before the end of the summer term. This is due to a number of factors but mainly due to a lack of space and lack of staff with the current numbers we have in and the staff available. We would not be able to do this safely. However, we do feel that it is important that our Year 6 pupils get the chance to spend some time back in school with us before they officially finish at Parkland. Therefore, we are planning on inviting small groups back to spend a week with us, mornings only, before the end of term. Further details will be sent to Year 6 parents early next week.

As always, thank you for your support and understanding during this time.

Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Bishop
Headteacher

