



Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers of children in years 3, 4 & 5

Schooling after the May half term break

As you may be aware, we have been making plans for the Year 6 children to return to school after the May half term. By doing so, we are following guidelines currently in place from the government/DfE. We would so love to have Years 3, 4 and 5 back in school at some point before the summer holidays. Once it is deemed safe by the government to do so we will of course look to welcome them back. At the moment however, we are accommodating Year 6 as well as a number of key workers' children.

Having sixty Year 6 children in school, in groups of no more than fifteen, along with our key worker children and those who meet other criteria for schooling, means that we now have five (and on some days six) class groups to accommodate and educate in school each day. With that in mind, we have asked Mr Pearne and Miss Warner, both of whom have experience of teaching Year 6, to temporarily join the Year 6 teaching team. Mrs Wright and Mrs Toulson are taking on the responsibility for teaching the key worker children from Years 3, 4, and 5.

Home learning for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will of course continue. However there needs to be modifications to our provision so that we can accommodate the return of Year 6. Miss Warner, Mr Pearne, Mrs Wright and Mrs Toulson and the Year 5 teaching team will continue to host their weekly Zoom sessions. Mrs Barratt will support Miss Warner by setting the work for both Year 3 classes. Mrs Wright and Mrs Toulson will be leading the learning for the key worker group and also setting the home learning for both Year 4 classes. Mrs Mitchell and Miss Loudon will continue to set home learning for Year 5.

Queries around the home learning work or information relating to your child in class 3W and class 4P can still be sent to Miss Warner or Mr Pearne : they are still your child's teacher. Miss Warner and Mr Pearne will respond to email queries, and LSAs linked to 3W and 4P will respond to messages posted via the VLE.

As you can see, our teachers will be busier than ever. Whilst we are trying to keep the impact on the children in other year groups to a minimum, we do ask that you bear in mind that those teaching in school will not be able to respond to emails as quickly as they have up until now. Please also note that their workload has increased significantly at a time when they were working at near capacity anyway.

We know that it is not easy for the children in the year groups not returning to school. We appreciate that they will no doubt be disappointed not to be included at this point. Please reassure them that we are all still here for them. We are still one family; family BJS. We are still working together, still thinking of each other and all very much hoping that we will be together again very soon. Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we enter the next stage of schooling within the current Covid19 pandemic.

Yours faithfully

Richard Catchpole (Headteacher) and Rachel Barker (Deputy Headteacher)

