

12th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well. It has been lovely this week to see Nursery, Reception and Year 1 return, they seem to have bounced through the doors so happy to be back. We are looking forward to welcoming Year 6 back from next Monday 15th.

Unfortunately, as the Prime Minister announced earlier this week, schools are not expected to open further for any more year groups but may if they have capacity, they should instead, prioritise the year groups that have already been asked to return. It is very complicated with staffing and maintaining small classes, for the school extend its provision at this time, so at Windmill we do not expect to ask other year groups to return before the end of the summer term. As soon as we hear what will be happening in September, I will let you know via letter.

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

Please remember to stick to the staggered times for bringing and collecting your children. This is important so that we can maintain social distancing.

Year 6 – please remember to come via the back gate not the front gate. There will be no way to get through from the front to the back, as the big green gates will be locked. If a parent wants to come to the office, they will need to walk around the street to the front entrance.

A note about Seesaw – our on-line learning platform

For those children not returning to school in all year groups, a team of teachers will continue to provide online learning through our online platform, Seesaw. Please encourage or help your child/ren to log on to Seesaw. You should have received log in details, via text, at the beginning of May.

Seesaw is a great way for your child to keep up to date with their lessons and they can communicate with a teacher through Seesaw. We understand that it is difficult to use Seesaw if there is more than one sibling and only one electronic device in the house. To overcome this, we are putting 'Family Learning Projects' on Seesaw. These projects are themed and are designed for children of different ages, meaning siblings can log on to just one account and complete similar activities.

We hope this will help. If you need guidance on how to login, please ring the school on 0115 9150195 and ask for Samantha Spencer, Ruth Pickering or your child's class teacher to get back to you. We have had parents in by appointment to show them how to get onto their accounts. We are more than happy to do this by appointment.

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Support for parents who speak English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Mrs Roberts, our EAL teacher, is available Mondays to Wednesdays to support families who speak English as a second language. You can book an appointment via the school office to meet with Mrs Roberts and she will show you how to login to the Seesaw website and other websites she has set up specifically for children who are learning English as an additional language.

Home Learning Packs

The next set of home learning packs are ready for you to collect from outside the school office. Please stick to the days/times allocated if possible, so that we keep the amount of people coming into school at a minimum. Please come **between 1:30pm and 2:30pm** on the days allocated. If your child is in school, you may collect a pack when you collect/bring your child. If you have difficulty in collecting, please let us know and we will organise something for you.

Days for collecting home learning packs:

Monday 15th - Year 5 and 6

Tuesday 16th - Year 3 and 4

Wednesday 17th - Year 1 and 2

Thursday 18th - Nursery and Reception

Free Food

We have had another delivery of bagels, cereals and baked beans from the charity Magic Breakfast. If you are in need of some more food, please collect some when you collect the home learning packs.

If you are particularly in need for some of this food urgently, you do not need to wait until your allocated collection day, please ring the office on 0115 9150195 and we will sort out an earlier time for you to collect a food parcel. If you have trouble getting to school to collect food, please let us know this and we will organise something for you.

Please keep in touch with us; we are here to help you.

Best wishes

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