



# Park Spring Primary School

## 'Achieving Together'



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Dear families,

### **Park Spring Primary Update**

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

I am writing to you so as to inform you of the current situation with regard to your child's schooling.

### **Current Position**

We are now at the end of our fourth week of wider opening. We are currently providing provision in school for over 120 children including Key Worker children. In order to maintain social distancing, we have not been able to open our Nursery as the Reception children are being taught in their provision area.

Overall, we are currently running at full capacity as defined by Government, Local Authority and Union guidance. Days are shorter than normal to allow us to have a staggered start and departure and to keep as much healthy space between us as possible. Things are going well and it is lovely to see some children returning happily and safely to the school routine. Classes are not as we left them. Our biggest group size is 8 and the children's learning is based on the same plans that teachers are continuing to send as 'home learning'.

We plan to maintain this provision until July 17<sup>th</sup> (last day of term).

We are trialling distanced learning support for our Y5 children. Mrs McNaboe is working with 16 pupils delivering lessons via Zoom and follow up support via telephone. If successful we hope to roll this programme out to include more pupils.

Starting next week, we will be widening our book swap sessions to all year groups. This is an opportunity for children to return their current reading book and get another, as well as saying 'hello' to their current teachers. Please see text, email, Facebook for year group days and times.

On February 28<sup>th</sup> (3 weeks prior to school closure), you received your child's mid-year report which you had the opportunity to discuss with the class teacher. You will receive your child's end of year report on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, this will be emailed to you instead of a paper copy.

### **Summer Holidays**

During the summer holidays, school will be closed to all pupils. However we are currently looking into a play scheme to be provided by Leeds United for two of those weeks. The



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proposed dates are weeks beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August and 17<sup>th</sup> August. This provision will be open to all pupils. Please complete the on-line survey if you would like to request a place.

## **September**

Last week the Government announced they are aiming for all primary school children to attend school in September. At this point we do not know what this will look like as we are awaiting government guidance. Current terms being used are 'blended learning' (part home – part school based learning) and 'recovery curriculum' (based on the mental health and well-being of pupils and revising the basic skills of Mathematics and Literacy).

We are currently planning classes for September and at the beginning of next week you will receive an email confirming your child's class and teacher. To support their transition, years 2, 3 4 and 5 will move up in their current classes as most of them have not been in school over the last three months, since Lockdown.

School uniform for September is available from the Goodies website below. We are unable to take in your deliveries at school, however, you can still have your uniform delivered to your home address. The deadline for all orders is 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Book bags and water bottles will be available for purchase from the school office on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020, between 9.30am and 11.30am.

(<http://parkspring.goodies.co.uk/>)

As soon as we receive guidance from the Government and Local Authority we will make it our priority to provide you with much information as we can regarding your child's schooling from opening date of 7<sup>th</sup> September.

## **And finally**

I would once again like to thank my amazing staff. They have worked tirelessly to try and make this very strange time as normal as they can for our – your children. They have worked so hard to try and provide the best support. I feel very proud to have such a wonderfully supportive group of professionals to lead and work with. Thanks must go to you also for your continued support for your children and for us as a group, your words of thanks have been greatly appreciated. Your patience and understanding has been lovely to note. We don't always manage to get everything right but we do try!

Stay safe.

Kindest regards

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Headteacher