



## HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful having Reception and Year 1 back alongside our Key Worker groups and I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our families for supporting the systems and procedures we have had to put in place and ensuring smooth transitions at the beginning and end of the day. Today, we welcomed back some of our Year 6 children and are looking forward to enabling them to finish their time at High Hesket CE School alongside their peers in order to bring to closure to the end of the academic year.

### Key Worker Provision

The Department for Education have confirmed that they are **not** asking schools to reopen during the Summer holidays. As a result, High Hesket CE School will be closed to all pupils from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and we are expecting to reopen on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020. There may be slightly different arrangements for our youngest pupils to enable Reception and Nursery to transition in to their new year groups but these will be shared separately.

### Return of pupils in September

The government has now announced guidance which outlines the measures we need to put in place to enable a safe return for pupils in September. We will be hard at work over the coming days planning and updating our risk assessments as there are still a great deal of protective measures that must remain in place. The system of controls from the Department for Education include:

- Regular hand washing and promotion of good hygiene
- The use of consistent 'bubble' groups and the minimising of contacts between individuals
- Staggered start and finish times
- Limiting of parent and visitor presence on site
- Enhanced cleaning procedures
- Engagement with the NHS Track and Trace process

Whilst risk cannot be fully eliminated, we will be implementing these requirements to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission as much as possible. This will result in alterations to our normal working arrangements and we will be sending out detailed information on the measures we will need to put in place as soon as we can.

### Year 2 teaching arrangements

From September, I will have a slightly increased teaching role in order to support Miss Blenkarn with the statutory release time required for her new role as Special Educational Needs Coordinator. During the Autumn term, I will be teaching in Year 2 for around one day a week which I am thoroughly looking forward to.

### Transition arrangements

Many of the classes have already held transition themed Zoom meetings and there are some still to take place over the coming days. You will also receive a welcome letter from your child's new teacher to introduce themselves and outline any information you may need to know. When the children return, we will be doing everything we can to enable them to settle comfortably into their new classes whilst also looking at addressing the loss of teaching time since the announcement of lockdown. If you have any concerns or queries about your child's return in September, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### End of Year reports

Your child's end of year report should have been emailed out by the class teachers on Friday. If you have not yet received it, please get in touch so as we can check it has been sent. We would also appreciate it if you could acknowledge receipt of the report by replying briefly to the email.

### School office hours

Just a reminder that Mrs McCullough will now be absent due to a planned procedure from now until the end of term. If you have any queries, it would be best to communicate these in email which I will be checking regularly and can then follow up with an email response or phone call. Thank you for your understanding with this.

I am sure you can appreciate that there has been much to communicate recently! We have tried to consider how best to balance our information about transition and end of term arrangements whilst also organising the current Key Worker and year group provision at school. Please accept my apologies if there is information that we have not yet communicated and, if there is something you feel you have not yet received information about, please send an email and we will endeavour to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs A Harvey  
Headteacher