



Ferndale Primary and Nursery School





Dear Parents/ Guardians

Tuesday 23rd June

In light of the latest government guidance and whilst reviewing our current set up, we now have the ability to bring back our Year 5 children.

We will be inviting Year 5 children to return to school from Monday 29th June. This is in addition to the provision already in place for Nursery, FS2, Year 1 and Year 6 children and the children of keyworkers and other key groups identified by the government.

We have come to this decision after considering a number of factors, including:

-  government guidance
-  a review of our own risk assessment
-  staffing and room capacity
-  demand for key worker provision

We recognise that this decision will not leave all parents satisfied; however, there is no decision that we can make that would do this and it is not a decision we have made lightly. Please understand that to meet the government's hierarchy of controls and to continue to provide key worker provision, it is not possible for us to get all children back to school before the end of the summer term. We simply do not have enough classrooms or staff to do so. This set up will use all our classroom space and staff.

We have also reviewed the number of children currently in school and to allow for the further increase of children, we are restructuring the current bubbles. Key Worker bubbles will continue as they are. Class bubbles for FS2 and Year 1 will now become one bubble per class. Each bubble still remains below the 15 children guidelines set by the Government. This also allows all children in those bubbles to be taught by their class teacher and see more of their friends but in a safe and protected environment.

A further letter will be sent to parents of Year 5 and those currently in school in FS2 and Year 1 to update/ or explain drop off and pick up points.

Last Day of Summer Term

Last day of term will be Friday 17th July. Friday 17th July will be the last day at school for all children following the current arrangements, including key worker children. **There will be no provision for children of keyworkers during the last part-week of this term (Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd July).** We apologise for any difficulty this may cause.

We will, however, be using those last three days of term to welcome all children back in designated bubbles, from all year groups for a 'Hello' and 'Goodbye' session. This will allow all children to say goodbye to their current teacher/s and have a transition session with their new teacher/s for September. These have been carefully planned and timetabled to make sure we are continuing to follow the government guidelines. Each bubble will have a designated day to come in and participate in their 'hellos and goodbyes'. For those children already in school they will have a 'hello' session. We will notify you in another letter about your child's specific day and time for this.

All home learning will continue up until Friday 17th July – thank you very much for your lovely comments about the videos, they really are appreciated.

If we can help in any other way, you know where we are. You are all doing such a tremendous job with your children and we thank you very much for it.

Kind regards

Liz Horrobin



Miss Liz Horrobin
Headteacher