



# **CHAPMANSLADE CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Learning together in a Christian community,  
nurturing and developing lively minds in a caring  
environment.**



19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents,

The Department for Education issued new rules this week that mean schools no longer have to reserve places for pupils who have not taken up a place that has been offered. This has allowed us to invite Year 1 pupils into school for the final few weeks of term.

The children attending Chapmanslade School from Monday will be all those who have taken up their offered place from the following categories in order of priority - vulnerable pupils as defined by the DfE; pupils whose parents are critical workers as defined by the government; pupils in Reception; and pupils in year 1. The total number attending is approximately 50 overall.

If your child is currently attending school, please remember the following important point:

- If anyone in your household has a high temperature, a new persistent dry cough or diarrhoea, please do not bring your child to school. If you require any guidance on what to do if you have possible covid-19 symptoms, Mrs McCall will be able to advise you. Please email her [admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk) or telephone the office 01373 832367.

The last day of term is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. All of the staff in school remain saddened that we have been unable to welcome back more children; we are acutely aware of the milestones that our current year 6 cohort have missed out on. I am currently exploring ideas for marking their transition from primary to secondary school, and I will write to the parents of Y6 pupils as soon as I have something concrete to offer.

The first day of next term is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Although we do not yet know exactly how the new academic year will look, I want to reassure you that a carefully managed transition into new year groups and classrooms will be in place. Our curriculum will continue to be a trauma informed curriculum that focuses on building up children's social and emotional resilience after many months at home. All my staff have undergone training in recovery, restoration and resilience for schools and pupils, and we are successfully applying the principles to the work we are currently doing in school.

Welcome packs are on their way to all families with a child starting in Reception in September, and the information includes details of planned transition visits for children joining Blossom.

I remain optimistic that schools will be able to open to all pupils in September. Chapmanslade will comply fully with all national guidance as we have done so far. Final details will be sent to parents on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Thank you to all the children who joined the Zoom calls today – it is always lovely to see you!

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Chapman