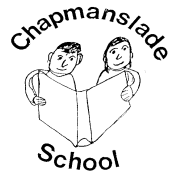




CHAPMANSLADE CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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5th June 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your family are keeping well during these exceptionally difficult times. I understand the challenges faced by parents who are home-schooling their children, often while working from home at the same time. Many of my staff have faced the same challenge.

My team and I are grateful that you are doing such a wonderful job, and have enjoyed speaking to many of you by telephone or on Zoom calls. Of course, we all look forward to seeing children and parents again in person though. As wonderful as technology can be, it is a poor substitute for real human interaction.

We would like to welcome all the children back to school, but we cannot do so until the national guidance allows us to. In order to follow the statutory safety guidance, we can accommodate approximately 40 children. With over 50 pupils qualifying for places as Critical Workers' children or vulnerable children, we have had to carefully manage places at school each day. However, we are hoping to be able to invite whole year groups back as soon as possible, starting with Reception, and I will be writing to Reception parents separately soon.

Inevitably, thoughts begin to turn to the new academic year at this time. Like lots of other schools, we are currently advertising some vacancies for September. Each year, I decide on our staffing arrangements and confirm this to parents in July just before "moving up day". Sadly, it looks unlikely that we will be able to have our "moving up day" this year but I will write to you to confirm your child's new class and teacher in July as usual.

Mrs Beavan has returned from maternity leave but will be leaving us at the end of July to focus on being a full-time mum to her four children. Mrs Beavan is currently teaching in Blossom, and Mrs Littlewood is supporting the home-learning. Mrs Evans left us at Easter due to her husband's deployment with the army; Mrs Locke and Mrs Hobbs are currently teaching in Oak. I know that you will join me in wishing Mrs Beavan and Mrs Evans every success and happiness for the future. Their resignations have created the vacancies that are currently being advertised.

I hope that you will be able to meet up safely with friends or family this weekend in line with the new rules; being separated from those we love has been so hard for all of us.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Chapman