



# North Duffield Community Primary School

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Dear Parents

Over the last three weeks we have welcomed back to school an additional 40 pupils in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6, along with a number of keyworker children. We have successfully remodelled classrooms to allow the number of children returning to increase each week and ensured we follow social distancing wherever possible.

As a school we have been robust in trying to meet government guidelines to allow more year groups to return to school before September. Unfortunately due to limited space and social distancing it was an impossible task. However **we will be welcoming back all children in September** to North Duffield School using the new guidance for schools published in July.

At present we are working on a plan for the safe return of all pupils. We will in the near future be sharing this with you so please bear with us as we complete all the necessary paperwork and changes in school. I would rather give out the full plan for September rather than send small pieces of information that may change.

## New Academic Year

The teaching staff and class structure for next year will be as follows.

Class 1 -	Miss Williams	Early Years (New Starters)
Class 2-	Mrs Henriques/ Mrs de Bethel	Year 1 and 2
Class 3-	Mrs Duffy/ Mr Russell	Year 3
Class 4-	Mrs Mounfield	Year 4 and 5
Class 5-	Mr Stroyd	Year 6

We would like to welcome Miss Williams to the team as a full time member of staff. She will also be taking on the responsibility for Special Needs throughout the school. I am sure you will join us in making her feel welcome as she takes up her new role in school.

We have been unable to hold transition evenings due to the covid restrictions. Each teacher has produced a presentation for their class containing key information, these will be available to download from the website on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

## Summer

The Department for Education confirmed last week that schools will not be open over the summer holiday, including children of the key workers and others that have been in school since March.

## Reports

In April we provided a report for each child and discussed their progress in Literacy and Numeracy. As a result of this and lockdown, the end of year report will be different this year. Each class teacher will write general comments, including your child's attitude to learning and targets for the new school year. These



reports can be collected from school on Friday morning. Early in September, as long as guidelines allows, school will arrange for every parent to meet their child's teacher and discuss the next steps and targets for that term.

### **Catch Up**

As you may have seen in the news, the Government also announced a £1 billion "Catch Up" programme for all pupils in the UK. The details are yet to be finalised on the amount our school will receive but it will be used to address the gaps in learning of the children when they return.

### **Dinner Money**

For the last two years school has been able to provide lunch for £2.35. This September due to rising costs we will be increasing the cost of a school dinner to £2.50. This still represents good value for money and will ensure we can provide a variety of meals throughout the year. From September we will only be able to provide a hot meal or a jacket potato, this will be kept under review during the Autumn Term.

2020 has not been the year we all expected. Everyone has been affected by the pandemic in many different ways, I would like to thank all the parents, staff and pupils for trying their hardest with keeping some form of education going at home, whether completing the tasks set by the school or by doing activities to keep spirits up. We hope that in the new school year we will return to some form of normality and we can again provide education, in school, for all.

I hope you all enjoy the summer and hopefully some sunny weather. We are all looking forward to September and seeing all the children back at school. Please take care.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Russell

