

To All Parents and Carers

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you regarding our plans for welcoming more children back into school before the end of term. As I am sure you are aware, the Government has abandoned its plans to extend provision to all primary aged pupils before September. Doing this whilst following the Government's own guidance about safety was impossible, which School Leaders knew all along, and at Brunswick Park we are now glad to continue to focus on the provision in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 for which we had already made careful plans.

Every Friday these plans are evaluated and reviewed, and always take your views into account. Via surveys, emails and telephone calls, we understand that some parents and carers are not yet ready for their children to return to school and would prefer to continue Home Learning. This has meant that we have been able to extend provision for some of our most vulnerable children, who for the last week have been working with Caroline, Maite and the Resource Base staff and who have settled in very well, and that instead of opening another Bubble for children in Reception, we will open one on Monday 15 June for a mixture of children in Reception and Year 1, led by Lynn and Jackie. Parents and carers of these children have already received information about this and know all the necessary arrangements.

This means that from Monday 15 June the existing Reduced Provision, Reception and Resource Base/EHCP Bubbles will be joined by 2 Year 6 Bubbles and a Reception/Year 1 Bubble, and the children of all parents and carers who have so far indicated they want their children to return to school will be back. Under current guidance, Brunswick has the capacity for one more Bubble in Reception/Year 1 should it be needed, then we will not be able to accommodate any more children. Anna will continue to contact parents and carers of children in Reception and Year 1 to gauge interest, and Home Learning will continue to be sent for all children who are not due to return before September.

From Monday 15 June our entrance/exit gate arrangements will change. If your child is in Reduced Provision please use the green Nursery Gate next to the Key Stage 1 entrance. If your child is in Reception Bubble 1 and Reception/Year 1 Bubble 2, please use the Key Stage 1 Gate. If your child is in Year 6 Bubbles 1 or 2 please use the Main Entrance Gate. All entrances will be signposted on Monday morning and staff will be on Bantry Street to assist you.

We are all looking forward very much to welcoming our next groups of children back into school, as we have missed them very much and cannot wait to see how much they have grown and changed and to hear about how life has been for the last 3 months. I end this letter with some happy news about another welcome; that Reception teacher Joshua Bowdery and his partner Nikkie welcomed the arrival of a baby boy on Wednesday 10 June. Whilst it is not the easiest time to welcome a new baby, this too shall pass, and we wish them both much joy and happiness as their parenting adventure begins.

With best wishes for a safe and healthy weekend



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