

TURNFURLONG TIMES

Monday 1st June 2020

Welcome to the second half of the summer term. From tomorrow we will be welcoming back most of our year six pupils' as well as the growing number of key workers that have been attending school since the 23rd of March. We are awaiting guidance for when we will be re-opening to more pupils' but due to the guidelines we have very limited capacity for more pupils' to return at the moment. We will keep you updated as this is released.

It has been a logistical nightmare trying to organise for one year group to come back and I would like to thank those parents who have responded to the information that has been shared to let us know whether they are choosing to send the y6 back. Please can you make sure that you help us by responding to communications so that we can plan for your children to come back to school.

Year 6

If you have told us that you would like your child to return to school, you will have received a letter last week with key information. If you have not received a letter, you will need to contact the school BEFORE sending your child back as we will not be expecting them. The children do NOT need to wear uniform. They DO need to bring in: Packed lunch, 2 named water bottles, Orange book, any medication and a pencil case. Mobile phones can be kept in your child's tray within their Bubble classroom. We are looking forward to seeing them tomorrow.

Keyworkers

The way the keyworker group is running will change from tomorrow. Parents and Carers will no longer be able to bring the children to the library door. There will be a member of staff on the pedestrian gate to welcome the children in. **All children MUST be booked in prior to a session**, as numbers are getting higher and we need to staff accordingly.

Good News:

I am delighted to be able to share with you the news that Mrs Gregory and her husband are expecting a baby later this year. This of course means that Mrs Gregory will not be in school but she will be communicating with the year 6 children in school, remotely. We wish her the very best.

Change to End of Term

The school term was due to end on Tuesday 21st of July. It has been agreed with the Governing Body that the school term will now end of Friday 17th to all current pupils'. We will then use Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st as transition days for current year 2 pupils' who will joining us in September as long as government guidance allows for this to happen. This has been arranged with other local schools.

Refunds for school trips and visits

Sincere apologies for the delay in processing all refunds for cancelled trips due to Covid 19.

Due to the extreme high demands that SchoolComms are experiencing from schools to process refunds, a completely new policy has been introduced which means that we are unable at school level to process a refund as quickly as was possible prior to Covid 19. We are able to confirm however that this is a Finance Priority for this week and that payments for 3S Swimming, Year 3 Celtic Harmony, Year 4 WW1 Workshop, Year 5 Greek Day, Year 5 York Residential, Year 6 Bletchley Park and any overpayments for Early Risers shall most definitely be refunded as a matter of urgency. Our proposed French Residential to Chateau Beaumont has sadly been cancelled so refunds for payments made shall also be looked at.

France Trip for current year 5's

We have had a lot of communication from parents raising concern about the French trip booked for October 2020. I have had to make the very difficult decision to cancel the French trip as we are unclear about what the restrictions are going to be. I have to prioritise the safety of children and staff and due to the unknowns concerning this virus, I cannot guarantee the safety for this trip. If the current situation improves we will endeavour to try and organise a residential or trip for the students.

I know that this news will be a relief to some families and cause a lot of disappointment for other families. This is not a decision that I have taken lightly. I thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Home Learning

Home learning will be continuing for all children who are not attending school. Please be aware though it may be a different member of staff who are setting work and responding to messages as we have needed to use more teachers to help with the year 6 return.

PE Kits and personal items

We are in the process of organising a system for collection of PE kits and other items and this will be done with social distancing. We will allocate a day per class for the collection and we will send a text out to let you know when and how you can collect these.