



CTK WEEKLY

HEADS UPDATE

I wanted to start by outlining the procedures we are taking to get out school ready for the children's return. Firstly, every member of staff is itching to get back in and see their pupils again. We want your children back in, as do you, but only when it is safe to do so! Conflicting messages continue to be drip fed through the media and so our plan for our school has to ensure we can keep your children and the staff as safe as possible.

If our plan goes ahead and the Governors sign it off on Monday, it will see the return of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children on June 1st. It is still not definite yet and depends on further risk assessment and government guidance. We intend to open up on mornings only from Monday to Thursday and group sizes will be a lot smaller than the recommended 15 pupils.

Parents have been deciding whether to send their children back in, and most have opted to not. There is no right or wrong answer to this, but rather a personal decision based on the risk to their family. If your child is not in these year groups, then you may have a decision to make in the future and I will have to consider carefully, with the Governors, on whether it is safe in school to bring back more children.

I can not guarantee to completely remove the risk of spreading the virus in school with so many children and adults in, but I can put in place measures to help reduce the risk. The chances of young children strictly socially distancing in school for 3 hours, as I have said before, is completely unrealistic and so certain measures will be put in place:

- Staggered entrance and exit times, to school and different entrances used for different groups
- Staggered playtimes and restricted play areas
- Children in the same group (Bubble) all day and not mixing with any other children or adults
- Most toys and soft furnishings removed
- Limited access to playtime equipment
- If a child or adult tests positive for Covid-19 the whole group will be isolated at home for 14 days
- Staff will wear PPE only when dealing with first aid or other 1:1 activity that requires close contact
- Children's temperatures will be taken each morning
- Children will follow a modified curriculum based round the Golden 3 - children at home will receive the same work
- Should any child not adhere to the rules we set, we will contact parents to consider future options

Next week will see us write to the parents of those children coming in with more detailed information about expectations and procedures. Governors will sanction (or not!) the risk assessment/plan on Monday. Staff will be in school Tuesday and Wednesday setting it up for June 1st and a deep clean will take place while the school is shut on Thursday and Friday.

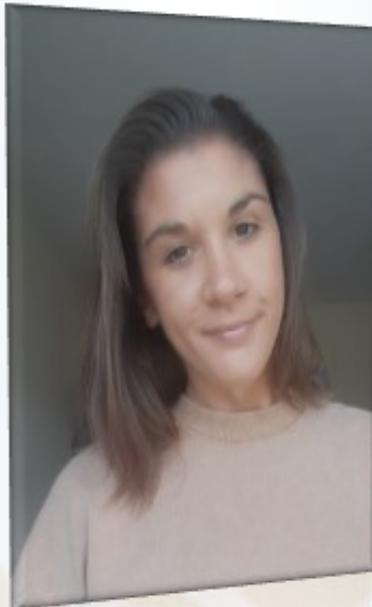
Next week is half term, and while we are still open to children of key workers on Tuesday and Wednesday, I have told all teachers that they do not need to provide work for your children at home. This will allow them time to prepare for the weeks ahead and have a well-earned break. You may want to give your children a break as well or access the many activities online.

Thank you so much for your patience, understanding and resilience during these very frustrating and demanding times.

Chris



Mrs Botwright



Miss Cook



Football Paul



Ms Patsy

Our Support Staff say:

“Hello”

Just so the children don't forget our great staff team at CTK, here is a little reminder of them. They miss the children a lot and can't wait to see them again in school.



Mrs Hopkins



Miss Powell



Mrs Kilby



Mrs Blackman