

“Every child is a unique child of God.”

WHINMOOR



Dear Families,

21.05.20

As we approach half term, we thank you for your support as we continue to educate our children away from school, care for the children of our critical workers within school and ensure we keep abreast of all the latest guidance around health and safety. We hope you enjoyed the staff messages we sent you via video at the start of this week. Thank you for your positive comments. We really enjoy seeing the incredible learning our children are doing from home – the comments and pictures sent to us via the class email are so welcome, thank you. Our on-line school closes tomorrow night, 22<sup>nd</sup> May and will begin again on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, when teachers will email families to welcome their classes back to learning. Please be aware that there is no expectation that teachers will answer emails over the holiday period and during term time, we will, as always, endeavour to respond to emails within working hours.

### **Mrs. Lindley**

From September, we are delighted to let you know that Mrs. Lindley will take on the role of Early Year's Lead within Whinmoor St. Paul's. She has been a permanent teacher within school for three years, two of which she has led Reception. She is very much looking forward to this new challenge.

### **Mr. Ferguson**

From the start of the next half term, our Apprentice Support Assistant, Mr. Sandford, will be known as Mr. Ferguson, following a legal name change.

### **School Partial Re-opening from June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Thank you to everyone who has responded to us via our 'Consultation' email or directly with your child's class teacher regarding a staged and careful partial re-opening of school. At Whinmoor St Paul's we always put the safety of our children, families and staff at the centre of what we do. Guidance from the government and other agencies has been coming in thick and fast and we are still processing it. As a leadership team, we have taken on board your questions and concerns and we are scrutinising Government guidance alongside accessing support from Leeds City Council. We are also risk assessing how school can partially reopen from June and what this might look like, whilst keeping our community as safe as possible.

Risk assessments for partial reopening will include (this is not an exhaustive list):

- How we will staff groups of children
- Cleaning of school and equipment
- Social distancing measures marked in and around school
- Equipment which children can/cannot bring into school
- Routes into school
- Use of toilets
- Hand washing/gel
- Use of PPE if a child or adult becomes unwell
- Communication with families
- Staggered lunchtimes/breaks
- Clothing to wear in school
- Ability of children to social distance
- Exclusion zone

- Staggered drop off/pick up times

We have been told that the Government will take a final decision on whether to press ahead on partial reopening of schools on May 28<sup>th</sup> when it reviews the scientific evidence. As this comes at the end of the half term, it only leaves a few days to action any partial re-opening.

With this in mind, IF the 5 key tests set by the Government justify a partial return to school, we have made provisional plans for a phased, gradual return as follows:

**From Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we will begin a phased return of pupils in **Reception and Y6** on a part time basis. You will receive a separate letter today if you have children in these year groups. It is imperative that you respond to the letter so that we know which children will return to school. If this phased return is successful, we will then, at a later date, give notice to families in Y1 and Nursery about when we can reopen for their children. We will continue to care separately for those children of Key Workers. If you believe you satisfy the criteria for your child to be eligible for Key Worker provision, please email us at [office@whinmoorstpauls.co.uk](mailto:office@whinmoorstpauls.co.uk). You must not bring your child until we have agreed this with you. Thank you.

For the time that your child is not in school we will continue to send Home Learning challenges in the same way as for this last half term. Please remember that it is imperative to keep in touch with your class teacher each week so we know how everyone is and how the children are working with their learning.

We hope you enjoy a calm and peaceful half- term with your families.

Thank you.

Miss McBride.



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