

19<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well.

#### **Update**

I would like to reassure you that school is currently working extremely hard to put measures in place so that our school can be open to a wider group of pupils.

The difficulty is that the guidance from the DfE and that of the Trust is constantly changing. However, be reassured that at the centre of any decisions we make and measures we put in place is the safety of our children, staff and all the families linked with these groups of people.

One thing I do know for certain is that if not all precautionary measures are in place the school will remain closed until they are.

I am hoping that by Friday I will be able to get further information to you, so that you can make an informed decision about sending your child back to school, if they are in the identified year groups.

#### **Children of Key workers**

Throughout the current health crisis we have remained open to the children of key workers and we will continue to do this until otherwise informed.

However, please be aware that the uptake for this provision over the half-term period was very low. The decision has therefore been made to close to all pupils during that week.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> of June if you wish to access this provision, as you feel you fall into the criteria, please contact school, as soon as possible so that this can be discussed and arranged.

Provision is available between 8.15am and 3.45pm, each working day. All children will also need to bring a drink, snack and a packed lunch with them, as there are no catering staff on-site.

# School Video

The link below will send you to our new staff video. We hope you enjoy it. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJsc\_40PApy">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJsc\_40PApy</a>

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## #Thankourchildren

A big thank you to the families that nominated their child/ren for the #thankourchildren Certificate of Achievement from the Lord-Lieutenant of Nottingham, police and Fire service.

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A little reminder that it would be wonderful if all of our children received this certificate. So please keep emailing us to tell us why your child should receive one. For example not only are they doing what has been asked of them during this lockdown but are showing great resilience and determination with it too- still adhering to our mantra 'Work hard. Be Kind.'

I promise to get one out to them as quickly as possible.

## **Home Learning**

Home learning will be paused during the half-term break. This will allow all involved to rejuvenate and relax in preparation for another busy term commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

#### **Keeping in Touch**

A little reminder that while school continues to remain closed for educational purposes we will maintain contact with you through phone calls. So please do not be alarmed when a member of staff gives you a call.

This is a great opportunity for the children to have a catch-up with their class teacher, as we are missing the children as much as they are missing us.

Please remember we are here to support you in whatever way we can, so please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. All staff emails are on the school website and are being monitored regularly.

Stay safe and positive.

Mrs C. Smith Head of School