



Friday 12th June 2020

Dear parents / carers

As we are preparing to reopen to Reception and Y1 pupils over the coming weeks, and in light of the recent government announcement relating to not all children returning to school before the summer holidays, I thought I'd take this opportunity to touch base with you.

From Monday 15th June, teachers will be in school teaching within allocated bubbles. As this means they will not be readily available at the end of their email, we have set up a new home learning email which will be monitored daily by a team of remote teachers. The email address is: homelearning@greysbrooke.staffs.sch.uk The remote team will have access to of all the learning that has been set over the course of the week so if you have any queries or worries whatsoever, please don't hesitate to use this email address rather than your class teacher's, as the team will be ready and waiting to support you and your child and the response is likely to be quicker too! Class Teachers will email twice a week rather than every day. They will continue to send home learning in an email every Monday and then make contact via email later in the week.

I am sure you already know, we are missing seeing all your wonderful children and can totally appreciate and understand how children themselves must be missing their friends and teachers. We are currently in the early planning stage of devising ways in which we can remotely connect class mates and staff to enable them to check in with each other. Watch this space!

Year 6, it's really important for you to know that we have not forgotten you! We are devastated that we can't extend our re-opening offer to your year group. Rest assured, we are thinking long and hard how we can give you the send-off you deserve, whilst also being limited by these unprecedented circumstances. Once we have more firm plans in place we will be in touch.

In terms of September, we are still unsure of what it will look like or how it will work. There are many stories in the media with suggestions and assumptions but we have not, as yet, received any clarification or guidance from the DfE. As a staff, we feel incredibly frustrated by this uncertainty as we just don't know what to expect or plan for and therefore can also appreciate how unsettling this may be for you and your families. We will keep you updated when we know more.

May I take this opportunity to thank you once again all for your continued support and understanding; your personal messages and feedback to staff are appreciated more than you will ever know.

Continue to take care and stay safe

Mrs Ellie Ballinger
Headteacher