



BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

Headteacher Mrs Laura Bennett
Deputy Headteacher Mrs Sally Wall

Bearwood Primary and Nursery School
Barons Road
Bearwood
Bournemouth
BH11 9UN

Phone: 01202 590703
Fax: 01202 590703
email: school@bearwood.poole.sch.uk
Web: www.bearwood.poole.sch.uk

Learning, Enjoying & Succeeding Together

Tuesday 16th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have really enjoyed seeing so many more of our pupils this past two weeks. I would like to say a massive thank you to all parents, carers and pupils who have been at school this half term for their support and commitment to help making the school a safe environment for the children.

This week saw the start of our Year 6 pupils returning, and I hope very much that parents have confidence in their children's return. It is such an important stage in their education, and having a small amount of face to face contact I am sure will help support any anxieties and also support the transition to secondary school.

We were disappointed that the government retracted their ambition to get all primary pupils back before the summer holidays. Whilst, we appreciate that their decision is based on facts and figures, it is nonetheless disappointing. There is a great deal of debate taking place nationally regarding the way forward for schools and we very much hope that the government will soon give a clear indication of what schooling will look like for September so we can really start focusing on these plans.

We are of course looking at the maximum numbers we can accommodate on a daily basis, but there are many factors involved such as staff that are able to be on site and room capacity. We know that we are able to accommodate more children while still following the approaches set out in the protective measures guidance and our own risk assessment. With this in mind, recognising the challenges of home schooling alongside work and other responsibilities and the new guidance which came out about offering spaces to more pupils, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-primary-schools>, we have made the following decisions:

- Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or 6 who have not yet taken up their offer of a place. Parents will need to indicate by Friday 19th June at midday whether they wish for their child to take up a school place. If we have not heard by this time or it is a no then we will offer this capacity to another pupil in which case you won't subsequently be able to take up a place this term. If you do wish to take up a place then it is expected that your child will start back full time on Monday 22nd June.



- We would like to welcome back Year 5 pupils from Monday 22nd June. Please notify the office by email school@bearwood.poole.sch.uk by Thursday 18th June if you wish for your child to return. We will then be able to send out details of the bubble on the Friday morning.

If we have further spaces available after welcoming back year 5, then we will be in touch with individual families who meet specific criteria.

All Bearwood staff hope that all of you are staying safe and well. We hope that all of the measures everyone is taking does result in the virus receding to a point where there can be some normality in all our lives. But for now, our message remains that if there is anything you need, please make sure you contact the school. We are here to help, support and to find as many ways as possible to keep our pupils education at the forefront.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Bennett
Head teacher

