



Dear Parents and Carers,

School Update 18th June 2020

I am sure you will have seen from the news that we are still no wiser as to how schools will re-open in September. What I do know, is that at Westfield we are busy making plans to ensure that whatever pathway is directed, we will be ready to welcome the children back and begin the new school year as soon as we are able.

Our numbers in school currently have continued to grow and from next week, we will have over 200 children attending school. You will appreciate that this is a large amount of children and parents passing through our grounds at drop off and collection times. While there is currently some disagreement about social distancing rules, the current rule of 2m distancing does still apply. For this reason, I would ask parents to arrive at their designated time and as soon as you have picked up or dropped off your child, to leave the school premises following any one way systems that have been signposted. It is also important that children stay alongside the adult with them. Thankyou in advance for your support with this.

As we have now been inviting parents to complete surveys for four weeks to return to school, we have made the decision as a governing body that the vast majority of parents will have made their decisions on whether they will be sending their child back to school. For this reason the only survey that will be sent out each week will be for the children of critical workers as we need to know what days the children will be attending. This survey will be sent out to the parents who have been using this service to date. If you find your needs change as a critical worker you may contact the office although as I stated in our last letter, there is no guarantee that there will be a place available.

You will no doubt be anxious about your child's transition to their new teacher for September as the usual events will not be taking place. In July we will be holding virtual Meet the Teacher sessions through Google Meet which will allow each class to see their next teacher and which classroom they will be working in. They will also have the chance to ask any questions they may have. Dates and times for this will be published closer to the time. As usual, your child's next teacher will be in the report that is sent out to you, which will happen through email this year.

This week, we have started our Google Meets with some classes and they seem to be a big success despite some technical teething problems! It has been wonderful to see and talk to the children who are busy working at home. These will continue on a weekly basis.

We have also been looking at how we can strengthen our support for the children at home through online activities. Next week, we will send out some new passwords for a couple of sites which will provide a wide variety of maths activities, including challenges and games as well as access to some e-readers to continue home reading.

As always, I hope you and your families continue to stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

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