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Dear parents and carers,

Hello, I hope everyone is well and you are surviving with the pressures of lockdown and home learning.

Thank you for your continued support, it has been great to see some of the fantastic home learning online and on social media and to see how many children are regularly turning their work in on google classroom.

I am pleased to say that school is up now up and running for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. There are measures in place to ensure social distancing and the children are now engaged in learning and are enjoying being back at school despite so many changes to how school operates.

The eligible year groups are operating in bubbles of between 7 and 10 children depending on their age group. Children are not able to change bubbles which has made ongoing planning and logistics a difficult job. We are following very strict council guidance which puts limitations on school life.

If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 and your personal circumstances have changed, please contact the school mobile and we will do our best to accommodate you **but may not be able to guarantee you a place immediately.**

Most of the existing bubbles are now full and we may not have the capacity to offer any more places within these bubbles. If you want or need your child to return to school, you will not simply be able to choose which bubble your child is in and if numbers continue to increase, we may only be able to offer mixed age bubbles or a place with the key worker children.

We are sorry to say that Owls before and after school club and Little Owls will not open for the rest of this academic year.

We are all hoping that school will return to normal as soon as possible, but like you, we are still in the dark about many things and waiting for the next government announcement.
Best Wishes and stay safe,

Mr Taylor
Headteacher



Google Classroom Important Notice



Since re-opening to eligible year groups on June 8th we have made some minor changes to how we assign work on Google Classroom.

Because all class teachers are now back at school and supervising critical worker children or teaching children in their bubble every day, assignments and tasks will be scheduled in advance and may not be scheduled daily. For example, 5 assignments for maths may be uploaded on Monday. Children should complete one maths assignment each day. English and topic work will be uploaded in the same way, but assignments may need to be completed over more than one session.

Teachers may not be able to respond immediately to questions from children but will aim to communicate with children at home as best they can.

These continue to be challenging times but I would like to remind everyone:

At school maths tasks are daily, the actual tasks usually take between 20 and 40 minutes in maths depending on the children's age and ability. English tasks can take a bit longer when completing extended writing.

Average attention spans work out like this:

- 2 years old: four to six minutes
- 4 years old: eight to 12 minutes
- 6 years old: 12 to 18 minutes
- 8 years old: 16 to 24 minutes
- 10 years old: 20 to 30 minutes
- 12 years old: 24 to 36 minutes

So, don't worry if your child loses concentration during a learning task.

Take opportunities for regular breaks and exercise during the day. If the children were at school they would have three breaks a day and two hours of PE a week.

For additional/optional learning projects, click the link below.
<https://www.robinhoodmat.co.uk/learning-projects/>

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