



29th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing half term break and been able to spend some time enjoying the sunshine. I know, for me, this weather has definitely helped during this time of lockdown and social distancing.

I understand that over the past few weeks there will have been a lot of communications, particularly for key worker children and Y6. It is quite possible that pupils and parents from other year groups may have felt a little detached from this but I would like to assure that all the children are never far from our thoughts in these challenging times. We remain hopeful that school will be able to reopen for all children before the summer term, but this remains unclear in the short term. School does still remain open for key worker/vulnerable children and this week we welcome back our pupils from Y6 as we work to support transition to secondary school. School will look quite different for Y6 and this will have some implications for the setting of home learning for all year groups, which I would like to outline for you.

When the Y6 children return, they will be in smaller class sizes, or 'bubbles,' which means that teaching staff from other year groups will be required to plan, teach and mark work for these 'bubbles'. We have, therefore, had to organise the staff into teams to ensure that we can support those children at home as well as the children who will now be attending school. Staff who are not working with the Y6 children will be on a rota system to support the key worker/vulnerable children or to manage the online learning. This will have an impact on the communication and feedback the children receive going forward. Feedback may now not be from their teacher but from one of the lower/upper school team.

The work that we will be setting for home learning will replicate what the children are learning in school. The children who are not returning from Y6 to school this week will still be able to access home learning exactly as before which will be identical to that which is taught in class for maths and English. All children in years 3, 4 and 5, whether at home or in school, will continue to be set the same learning in Maths, English and one other subject each week. Given the additional pressures on staffing capacity, our learning will now be exclusively on-line for those who are not in school. If you are still unable to access Google Classroom or have any concerns regarding accessing and completing learning please contact the school via adminoffice@sunhill-jun.hants.sch.uk.

This learning will be age appropriate and the tasks carefully designed to consolidate previous learning in maths and English, whilst building in elements of the summer term curriculum in

other subjects. We would encourage children have a routine around their home learning, especially as we may soon be opening the school to more children. However we understand that this will vary depending on your own personal situations. The mental health and wellbeing of children and families is of paramount importance. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any concerns.

As always I would like to thank you for the support you have given both myself and the staff at Sun Hill Junior School. Our staff have had to adapt very quickly to supporting the children as best they can through the home learning, Google classroom and telephone calls home but I know how much the staff are missing their classes and the daily interaction with your children.

Keep safe

Kind regards



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