



8th June 2020

WPS Update

Good afternoon everyone.

I sincerely hope you are all keeping safe and well.

A weekend, ideally provides us with an opportunity for reflection and recharging. I sincerely hope this has been the case for you. I fully appreciate that at this time we continue to be challenged by the COVID-19 restrictions and impact on working and social lives. We know that bereavement and loss is being felt within our school community. We remain vigilant and available whenever School is called upon to directly provide additional support or to sign post it.

It is also the case that for many the opportunity to consider your child's return to WPS has not been made available to you through the Government Phased Return guidance for Primary Pupils. WPS staff continue to support Learning Away From School and I hope this contact with School remains useful and purposeful.

In my last update I shared the detailed plans regarding how WPS would manage the Phased Return of Primary Aged pupils. The arrangements were led by our Risk Assessment and in line with Government guidance.

I would like to thank everyone for following the guidelines and advice we set out to ensure a safe return for more pupils attending WPS. At every stage last week, the guidelines were followed enabling School to manage the increasing number of children and parents/carers on and off site in a safe and calm way. Thank you so much for following our guidelines - we really do appreciate this.

We have now been able to introduce as part of a Phased Return some of our Reception, Y1 and Y6 pupils into new learning Bubbles alongside the Critical Worker/Vulnerable pupil new learning Bubbles. I wish to reiterate the importance of the Parent/Carer Phased Return Survey - your response has been used to inform our planning and provision of new Learning Bubbles.

- Pupil Bubble lists have been created for admission onto the School site and will be strictly used to ensure the School is able to safely operate in line with our Risk Assessment.
- We fully understand if you indicated No on the survey, as detailed previously attendance is not statutory at this time. However, the School requires at least 2 clear working days to facilitate any subsequent changes. The School Office will confirm the arrangements directly with you once everything is in place.
- We must advise that Staffing Levels and availability will dictate if a request is possible and this cannot be guaranteed.

In line with the Government guidance: All other **Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 children must continue to remain at home and access Home Learning**. WPS Home Learning, Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize is available for home learning – please do not hesitate to make contact with the member of staff or School Office regarding any issues you may require support with.

It has been with a very heavy heart that our final Residential Experience of the academic year – Year 6 Scarborough has been cancelled. As with Year 4 and Year 5, we have been left with no option other than to cancel (due to COVID-19) - the feeling of disappointment is huge and we are devastated for everyone concerned. I know the School Office has been in touch to detail how the payments will be reimbursed.

I do wish you all a safe and happy week ahead.

Thank you very much for your continued support, once again I wish to reiterate - we remain to be here for you all at this complex time.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Wilding
Headteacher