7th August 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are managing to get some kind of summer break this year and spend some time with your family. I appreciate that these continue to be challenging and unprecedented times for all of us.

Since school officially closed to pupils we have had several staff in continuing to prepare for school reopening fully in September. We are now closing school and the school office until the start of September. All members of staff have worked really hard since the outbreak of COVID-19 and they need some time to recharge their batteries so they are fit and well and ready for the Autumn term.

Over the past couple of weeks we have received many calls and emails asking us questions and requesting updates to our plans. I want to assure you that we are watching the news with a keen interest and keeping up to date with government guidelines so that we will be 100% ready for full reopening. We do not receive any information that you do not. Our only sources of information continue to be in the public domain. This therefore means that we are in the same position as you. However, I want to reassure you that school is immaculate, has been thoroughly deep cleaned and is organised for all children to return.

Our curriculum will continue to be broad and balanced with your children’s wellbeing at the centre of what we will be doing. Our INSET days have been planned to give all staff the maximum amount of time to prepare for supporting your children returning to school. Our staggered term return dates have also been designed to give everyone the best chance of safely and happily returning. I also recognise that our start and end times have left some parents wondering ‘how they will be in two places at once?’. We really do understand that September is going to be a challenge and it is impossible to get the timetable right for so many families, but we will be there for you. We want this to work as much as you do. We will find solutions together over the first few days and many staff will be on hand to support you.

Please do not worry about September, I can assure you that we will be following the most up to date advice available and we will be ready for whatever comes our way.

I hope you enjoy what is left of the summer.

Take care and stay safe,

Mr E Milner

Headteacher