



12th June 2020

Dear Parents

The news this week has brought about the most unexpected announcement yet! We had a plan to bring all year groups back in a staggered fashion building up to the end of term and now it appears that for many of you, learning at home will continue over the next 6 weeks.

We will of course continue to support with home learning packs and the use of email and seesaw to respond, feedback and answer your questions, but for some of you I am sure this week has brought a whole new uncertainty into your lives. If you are unable to pick up a pack of wish to stop receiving them, please do let us know as we are currently having a number of packs left at the end of the week and would like to avoid this.

As a result of the announcement I have undertaken a discussion with our Academy Trust Leaders around the possibilities going forward. We would very much like to see our year 6 pupils again – before they go, and would love to give them the opportunity to come and say good-bye. So, I am planning to offer then at least some days in school over the last few weeks of term. To enable this, I will be contacting all year 1 parents who were unsure if they wanted a place and requesting confirmation so that we are able to make a secure offer to our year 6 pupils.

Thank you for your flexibility in this issue – it has been a very complex procedure to open the school at all, and I appreciate the positive approach you have all made to the many questions I have already asked.

What is it like at School?

Some of you may be wondering what life in school is like, Emily from Year 3 and Amelie from Year 5 would like to let you know:

Emily “It is fun coming back to school because you get more individual help with your work if you need it. Also we get to play with some toys for a time – like golden time!”

Amelie: “It is fun coming back to school because you get to see your friends if they are there, and more help for child to understand your home learning – and my Mum and Dad are able to go to their key workers work.”

Tolerance:

Thank you to those families who have been exploring tolerance this week. I have taken a few moments to find some new books to add to the school library in September to support all our young people to have a greater understanding of the issues of racism and tolerance. These books explore black lives and stories from a range of culture as well as a number from Black authors and illustrators. For those of you who may wish to have a look at books to widen your child’s cultural understanding I can recommend this list from the guardian newspaper: [Open the booklist here](#)

Pupdate for Eve!

As you will be aware, we use the money from our Friday tuck to sponsor a guide dog. Where we have been closed the funds have dried up so we have supplemented the funding and are happy to bring you [Pupdate for Eve](#) please click on the text and enjoy – it is lovely to see all our cake money going to such a great cause!

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School reports

By individual email we are sending the school reports and attendance information out to you all today. I am sure you appreciate that writing end of year reports has been very tricky this year and so we have given a very general set of comments to all pupils so you can see how much of the curriculum was covered and what we managed to teach before lockdown. Then we have made individual comments for each child as a learner. We are also obliged to send attendance details to you all – although they will be meaningless at this stage and NO action will be taken as a result of attendance below the expected levels due to the pandemic. It is important that we fulfil our statutory duty to report and so we have done this. If you have any comments or concerns, please direct them to my email: head@kehelland.cornwll.sch.uk

Support for all our families:

For all families whether able to attend school or not I have found this great resource to support you: King's College London's Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust and Maudsley Charity have launched a series of eight short films to help families struggling under the coronavirus pandemic. The Families Under Pressure series offers parenting tips and advice on topics including:

- keeping positive and motivated;
- building your child's self-confidence and trust in you;
- promoting better behaviour; how to limit conflict; and
- using sanctions carefully.

[Click here to access these films](#)

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