

3rd July 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

As Principal I would like to express my thanks to the teachers who have gone above and beyond to ensure that during the last few months your children were still receiving a high standard of resources to help with the high quality home learning that was offered along with all the weekly phone calls. We have also provided continuous keyworker places throughout this time including during the school holidays. Behind the scenes the Admin team have continued to work effortlessly as well as the Inclusion team and all the TA's. I am sure you would agree Elm really does have a great team of staff.

We are busy putting plans in place to invite all children back to school in September, when the government make it once again compulsory for all children to attend school. I am sure those of you who have already chosen to return their children to school can reassure others who may have reservations that we are, and will continue to take all necessary precautions to keep everybody safe in these unprecedented times.

As a team, we feel it is very important to give every child the opportunity to come back to Elm for a short period of time before September, as for many children it has been nearly 4 months since they were last at school.

Therefore, we will be closing school to all children other than key workers on **FRIDAY 10th JULY 2020**. The final day for **Year 6** at Elm Academy will be **FRIDAY 10th JULY** to allow for us to invite other year groups back. Mrs Marsh will be in contact with those Year 6 children already attending school with our arrangements for that day.

On **MONDAY 13th and TUESDAY 14th JULY** we would like to invite **ALL** Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 children into school. They will spend some of the time in school with their new teacher for next year, and see where their classroom will be. The children will be in bubbles of no more than 14 as the social distancing is still in place until September, at least.

School will shut on **WEDNESDAY 15th JULY** to allow for an enhanced clean to allow us to invite the other children back on Thursday.

On **THURSDAY 16th JULY** we will invite **ALL** Reception children in to school to spend time with their new teacher, see their Year 1 classrooms, etc.

On **THURSDAY 16th and FRIDAY 17th JULY** we would like to invite in **ALL** Year 1 and Year 3 children into school. They will spend some of the time in school with their new teacher for next year, and see where their classroom will be. The children will be in bubbles of no more than 14 as the social distancing is still in place until at least September.

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We would encourage **ALL** children to come in on these days to help them transition back into school from September. Children should wear school uniform.

You will shortly receive another message and map informing you of your drop off and pick up time and a letter outlining our expectations of all children and parents on site during COVID 19. We will provide a packed lunch for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Years 3, 4 and 5 children should bring their own packed lunch. This includes children who in who are entitled to a free school meal who will continue to receive vouchers for these days.

School will close to **all** children **including keyworker** children at **2.00 pm on the 17th July until the 7th September.**

A letter will be sent on the 4th September outlining arrangements for your child's return to school in September following Covid guidance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Kind regards

Mrs J Fish
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