



# Headteacher's Blog

## Friday 29th May 2020.



Dear Parents/ Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,

The Blog this week has a focus on the next steps we are taking as we look to re-open to a wider range of pupils on Tuesday 2nd June. REMINDER - we are closed to ALL pupils on Monday 1st June as we are having an extensive clean and are finalising our procedures as we prepare to welcome our first phase of additional children to school.

Please be rest assured that school has carried out an extensive risk assessment which will be constantly reviewed. We have made suitable changes to ensure we keep each other as safe as possible while supporting our staff and children's well-being.

Phase 1 starts this week with 6 new children in Early Years (Nursery and Reception). On Monday afternoon Miss Dick (welcome back!) and Miss Armstrong will be sending a social story out to the families of children returning and a video message welcoming the children back to school. Please make sure you share this with your child.

We continue to accommodate between 10 and 18 key worker and other groups children each day.

We have been told that the priority for provision is the key worker and other identified children's group so if this group size increases we may need to re-think our Phase 2 (Year 1 provision).

*Please ensure you let me know by Wednesday 3rd June if you are eligible and do not have anyone at home who is able to look after your child and have not taken up a place previously.*

Where children continue to learn from home we will be maintaining our keeping in touch phone calls (unless you have been notified to the contrary or if your child is in school on a regular basis). We will be looking to develop and improve our online learning provision too.

Keep safe everyone.

Take care, with very best wishes.

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

### **Final reminders for this week -**

As of Tuesday June 2nd ALL children are to wear school uniform.

Packed lunches and individual water bottles must be brought to school.

Wednesdays - Nursery children go home at 11.30 (all other days 2 pm finish).

Reception children go home at 12.00 on WEDNESDAYS.

The KW group can go home at 12.00 or 3.15.

Please let me know your requirements if you haven't already.

There will be clearly labelled pick up and drop off points as we are limiting numbers of people on the school site.

### **School transport -**

This may be a key issue for many of you. You will have received a letter (sent via school email) from NCC reassuring you that they are liaising very regularly with the School Transport team to ensure that they put in place a system that compliments the arrangements we have made.

Most of you, who have children in the relevant years should have already received a letter from our school transport team indicating then next steps in relation to securing appropriate transport where needed. Please don't forget to keep in touch with your child's bus driver too.