

# Broadstone Hall Primary School Newsletter

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#### Headteacher's Note

Dear Parents and Carers, We hope that you and your families are feeling safe and well during these strange and unprecedented times.

Lockdown has been a challenging time for all of us and we are very aware that children and adults will have had very different experiences in the last 15 weeks.

I am very glad to say that the return to school for Nursery, YR,Y1, Y6 and key worker children has gone very smoothly indeed and I am very grateful for the positive messages that we have received from many parents. However, we also recognise that there are still many children who are unable to attend school now until September due to the requirements of Covid guidance at school. We are now at full capacity with 15 pupils in a group for key worker children and we do not have the classroom space or available staff to open any more key worker

The Local Authority have now directed all schools who are at capacity to sign post those parents who still need a key worker place to the Stockport Childminding Register, where individual places are available if schools are full.

I would also like to thank all the staff for their hard work during the lockdown period.

Yours sincerely, Simon Langley, Headteacher

#### **Current Provision Status**

Provision at the school will remain the same from now until the end of term with places available for all pupils in YN, YR, Y1, Y6 and key worker children.

If you still need a key worker place, we have sent letters home to give details of how childminder places can be accessed, as directed by the Local Authority.

Most staff are now back in work but we still have a number of staff including some teachers, who are on the shielding list and therefore will not be able to return to school until September. This is one of the reasons, along with lack of teaching space, as to why we cannot open any more teaching bubbles.

Weekly Home Learning Projects will continue to be set for pupils who are still at home in all year groups and these are available on the school website each Monday, along with links to BBC Bitesize and Oak National Academy, which have hundreds of recorded online lessons to chose from.

# **September Opening**

At the time of writing, the government have yet to announce details of how children will return to school in September.

We are working on plans to have 30 children in class bubbles (as hinted at by the government) which continue to observe social distancing and avoid mixing of children between bubbles during playtimes, lunchtimes and lessons. Staggered opening and closing would still continue and it would seem that large events at school would still be prohibited in September.

### **Staff Changes**

I am delighted to tell you that Ms. Rogers will be taking on a year's secondment at Reddish Vale Nursery School, replacing the Headteacher, who is on maternity leave. She will return to Broadstone Hall in July 2021.

I am sure that we would all like to wish her well in this venture and I would like to thank her for all her support and hard work over the last 3 and a half years.

I am also pleased to tell you that Mr. Bagguley will replace her during this time as Acting Deputy Head and Ms. Holt will become leader of all Key Stage 2 classes whilst continuing as Assistant Headteacher. There may be other staff changes to back fill roles during this period but, due to the turbulent times we are in, we are trying to keep staff changes to a minimum.

## **End of Year Reports**

All teachers are busy writing end of year reports at the moment, but due to the long term school closure, they will be very different in format to previous years. You may be aware that all national tests for Primary age children were cancelled during lockdown, so results cannot be reported to parents. Other assessment criteria is currently based on children meeting end of year expectations, but as this has not been possible, these statements cannot be used in reports as they would not be evidenced based.

We can however, comment on pupils' application, attitude and progress up to lockdown and we are aiming to produce printed reports for every child by the middle of July.