

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and staying positive.

It has been a successful week in terms of our wider opening and it has been a joy for all staff to have more children at school. I must thank all parents and carers for following our current procedures 'to the letter' – this has allowed our school to remain open and minimise risks.

The large majority of children are still at home and we are working really hard to provide home learning and various other initiatives; please continue to check the website and our social media pages. I appreciate that it can be a struggle with the home learning: please just do what you can, prioritise reading, practical maths and any opportunities for writing – any learning is good learning. I can imagine how difficult this is for you as parents and carers and I know you will be doing the very best you can to support your children.

The staff, as always, have been working incredibly hard. As you can imagine, it is even more challenging at the moment as staff are now on full-time timetables with their bubble groups as well as trying to organise home learning activities and communicate via e-mails. The staff are fantastic and our community is very lucky to have them. I must thank you all for your kind messages of support and treats that you have sent in. I have also really enjoyed seeing the photos and videos of the children learning new skills and making the most of the current situation – they have been positive and adaptable.

At the moment, there seems to be no further guidance for the next phase of even wider opening, therefore when I write to you next week detailing the plans for June 15<sup>th</sup> onwards, it is highly likely that we will be extending phase one for another two weeks. However, the situation is ever-changing and I will confirm this with you along with details of how this provision may change.

Take care and stay safe,

Mr Barron