

# NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I thought it might be helpful to keep you informed regarding our current thinking and plans made so far.

We are in the process of making essential preparations and changes to our classrooms and routines in order to phase back our Year 6 pupils. Parents have been contacted to find out numbers of children likely to return so that we can make essential plans. Therefore, if your child is in Year 6 and you have not yet informed us of your decision, please could you do so by 22<sup>nd</sup> May. However, this is a decision that needs to be made by the parents. Just to reassure you, there will be no action taken from the Government for non-attendance.

Based on our school setting and other factors we have made the decision to start with Year 6. The plan is then to phase back Year 1 followed by Reception, if it is deemed safe to do so. We will of course keep you informed.

Due to the need for social distancing, we will need to use three classrooms for one class of children and six staff in total. As you can appreciate, we do not have enough space or staff to accommodate six classes at any one time. This would require thirty-six staff and eighteen teaching spaces, which we do not have at our disposal. Therefore, we cannot offer full or part time for Years 6, 1 and Reception simultaneously, for the remainder of the summer term. Added to which, we still need to provide places for children of key workers.

We will keep you updated of our plans. Please refer to the website for further information regards how school will operate for the foreseeable future.

## **Miss Bedesha and Miss Taylor**

We are sorry to inform you that Miss Bedesha and Miss Taylor will both be leaving Perryfields to start a new role in another school. Needless to say that they will be greatly missed by the children, staff, parents and Governors and on behalf of all concerned wish them every much deserved success.

Miss Bedesha leaves us at the end of this month, so in the interim Year 3 Emerald will be 'taught' by Mrs Kenth (previously a non-class based teacher at Perryfields.) We have appointed Mr Billings as English Lead and Mr Batham as a Class Teacher, who will both start in September.

Mrs Bates will be the lead for further improving the quality of teaching and learning.

## **Class Teacher Phone Calls**

Most of you will now have received your second phone calls from your child's class teacher. This is a courtesy call to ensure that all is working well with the work set and online activities. Please note that no new work will be set during the Whitsun holiday but will recommence from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

*TL Jones*