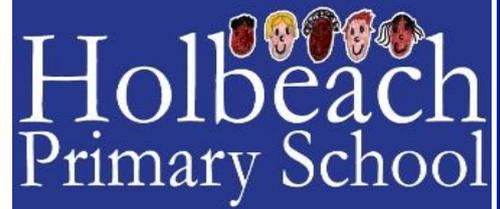


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Monday 1st June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PUPILS ATTENDING SCHOOL & DISTANCE LEARNING

I hope that you have had a safe and pleasant half term holiday.

Thank you for your continued patience as we continue to plan and risk assess for the increase in the number of pupils attending school for some year groups. As promised in my last letter, I am now able to update you further on the wider, phased opening of school for **Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Six**.

The **provisional** plan for these year groups is as follows:

Year Six

Our *provisional* plan is that **Year 6 pupils will be able to return to school on Monday 15th June 2020**. We will be contacting parents/carer of children in 6F and 6L shortly to confirm this return date and to ask you to let us know if your child will be returning to school on that day.

Year One

Our *provisional* plan is that **Year One pupils will be able to return to school on Monday 29th June 2020**. We will contact these parents by 19th June with further details.

Nursery and Reception

Regrettably we are unable to reopen the Nursery and Reception for the foreseeable future. This decision has been made after extensive risk assessment and the consideration of a number of factors. We know that this will be a disappointing decision for many of you but please rest assured, it has been made in the best interests of our pupils and staff.

Year Two, Year Three, Year Four, Year Five

The government currently has no definite plan regarding the return to school for these year groups. Our 'distance learning' provision will continue for all these children (and indeed all children who are not attending school).

I know that some of you would have preferred to have received more concrete plans now and I do understand your frustrations. However, I know that you will also understand that your children's safety, your safety and the safety of the staff must be my priority. We are approaching wider opening in a measured, phased way with a regular review of our risk assessments informing our decisions. It is only when we feel confident as a leadership team that we can safely welcome more children into school that we will do so.

I do recognise that many of you may also be feeling anxious about your child potentially returning to school when the return date for their year group is confirmed. To support you in making this decision we have produced two helpful documents, both of which are available on the school website. Please be advised that you are encouraged by the government to send your child to school, but it is not compulsory to do so and there will not be any fines issued due to non-attendance.

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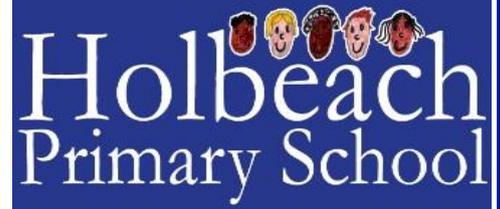
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Distance learning

As the vast majority of children at Holbeach will continue to be educated at home. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that:

- Each week, on the class blog, your child's class teacher will publish a guide to the work that needs completing that week.
- Some of the work (e.g. Maths) will be broken down further into daily tasks which are also published on the class blog at the beginning of each day.
- You are able to communicate with the teaching staff via the comments section on each post or by emailing them via the class email account (e.g. 2Thomelearning@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk). However, please be aware that the volume of emails has risen dramatically and be patient with teachers as they strive to manage them all.

I hope that this further information and provisional timeline line is both helpful and reassuring to you in planning ahead as much as is possible at this time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

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