Tuesday 23rd June 2020

Good morning everyone,

I hope you are all well. I’d like to start by thanking you all for your co-operation regarding the new measures that we have in place at school. We do realise that some of them, particularly the one way gate system, are an inconvenience but your support has meant that things have run very smoothly this week.

From today we are relaxing the one way gate system **but only for preschool children.**  Preschool children and parents must still enter through the Cumberland Avenue entrance but will be allowed to leave through that gate or via Whitehouse Lane. The current arrangements will remain in place for all pupils attending the main school.

Whilst things are still very different to ‘normal’ we are moving in the right direction and it is starting to feel a bit more like a school again here. This week we have had 95 pupils attending in main school and a further 16 pupils per day in preschool. We are increasingly confident that in September we will be in a position to welcome all of you back; it will be lovely too see you all again.

I have had a few people contact me about our plans for holiday provision once the summer term comes to an end. At the moment we are only accepting applications from parents who are key workers and they have until 1st July to book sessions. By the 1st July we will then know what capacity we will have to be able to offer places to other parents who may wish to book sessions to cover work commitments. Further information about this will be sent to you as soon as possible. Please note that we cannot guarantee that provision for key worker children will be available if bookings are not made by 1st July.

**Transition days for pupils who will be joining reception class in September:**

Unfortunately it is not going to be possible to accommodate transition days on site this term. I know that Miss Garner will be doing some things virtually before the end of term. Our plan at this stage is to use the Inset days on Monday 31st August and Tuesday 1st September as transition days for our new pupils before other pupils return on the Wednesday. Further information regarding this will follow soon.

**Before/After school provision:**

Currently before and after school provision is only available to key worker children. If you require this **please** make sure thatyou have booked these sessions by Friday lunchtime of the previous week by emailing [admin@highfieldsnantwich.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@highfieldsnantwich.cheshire.sch.uk). It is vital that we know how many children are attending each session so that adequate staffing can be arranged and that we don’t exceed permitted numbers. Whilst we will always try to do our best to accommodate late bookings we are unable to guarantee a place that hasn’t been booked.

**Heatwave:**

We’ve experienced all sorts of weather over the past few weeks and it looks like the rest of this week is going to be very hot! Please make sure that your children bring a sun hat / cap into school and that they have a water bottle too. We would also encourage you to apply sun cream to your children before they come into school as this is something that we can’t do here.

Take care everyone, and once again thank you for your support.

Simon Dyson

Principal