



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Monday 8th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for your patience regarding the gradual re-opening of our school. We realise that many of you will have been wondering what will be happening this month.

Durham County Council stated in a press release that given the information they had received, they recommended that schools DO NOT begin their phased reopening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children until at least 15th June 2020.

We will be having a governor's meeting on Thursday 11th June, later in the afternoon. Following that meeting, we will write to you to explain if and when Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children will be returning to school. At this time, due to emergency childcare, and limited numbers being able to attend, we are not opening to Nursery children, unless they access the emergency childcare.

School will be quite different for the children when they return and they will be organised into 'bubbles', or small groups.

Parents of children in Reception (Class 1 & 2)

We have sent out a survey to Reception parents & carers to find out how you feel about your child returning to school. Please complete this by 9am on Wednesday 10th June. It is very important that you complete this survey. We will be in touch with parents who don't complete the survey because we will need to find out your views in order to plan for wider reopening.

If governors agree to wider opening, we will send out information about which bubble your child will be in, which members of staff will be responsible for each bubble as well as the staggered start and finish times for each of the bubbles. We will also include a document of 'Frequently Asked Questions' with responses. You will receive this information **by Friday 12th June 2020, IF GOVERNORS AGREE TO WIDER OPENING.**

Parents of children in Year 1 & Year 6 (Classes 3, 4 and 13)

We will be sending out a survey to Year 1 and Year 6 parents & carers tomorrow to find out how you feel about your child returning to school. Please complete this by 9am on Thursday 11th June. It is very important that you complete this survey. We will be in touch with parents who don't complete the survey because we will need to find out your views in order to plan for wider reopening.

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We would also like to reassure parents and carers of children in Nursery that you have not been forgotten about! Whilst there is no firm date yet for your year group to return, we will continue to set work online as well as Facebook updates in exactly the same way as we have been doing since March. Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions at all:

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Thank you all so much for your understanding, support and patience during these very challenging times.

Stay safe and keep well.

R Woods

Mrs Woods

Headteacher