

Dear Parents

The children have made a really positive start to Term 5.

It has been great to see them playing in the sunshine as well as working so hard in class. The hard work we have all put in over the past four months continues to make the school a safer place and will allow us, within the current Government Coronavirus Guidelines for schools, to start to introduce gradual steps towards a more recognisable and open approach to schooling. However, we will do this gradually and carefully and in a way which can be reviewed after each step.

Prior to Easter, I asked each year group to identify one aspect of the children's learning which could be improved by a single change to their approach. This may be the children returning to working around a table rather than in a row. It may be an intervention to help with speech and language. It may be setting for one subject. This is dependent on the needs and profile of the individual Year Group. Each Year Leader will introduce this single change at the start of May. Two weeks after this (and every two weeks until the summer) this will be reviewed and added to, if things continue to head in a positive direction, as they are now, then we will persist with this staged approach.

As and when further decisions are made, they will be done carefully, sensibly and responsibly.

The Government Guidelines have not changed and our risk assessments need to fall within this. So please continue, as parents, to drop and go. Please do not wait after collecting one sibling and wait for another, at the end of the day, please re-join the line and keep moving. Things are working well at the start and end of the day in terms of the children getting greeted, getting in, getting learning and then getting home. The changes we are able to start making in school are largely because of the support and effort of parents and the things happening out of school. So please let's keep going. More staff are getting vaccinated and all staff are taking regular tests, so with each passing week, we are getting there.

On a separate note, please do not take unnecessary risks at the start and end of the day in terms of crossing the road. We have had a number of near misses reported, from some shaken drivers. Please use the crossing or find a safe and sensible place and time to cross the road. As this risk is as immediate as any and we need to set an example to the children in terms of road safety.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support and let's keep heading in the right direction.

Mr A Moir

Headteacher

