



Holywell Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

The school has been open since Monday 1st June 2020 for pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Pupils are currently spending their day with the same group of learners (no more than 15 children in a group) during class time and while outside on the playground.

Pupil numbers have not been what we had expected so we plan to make some changes to give us more capacity and take more pupils into school. We asked parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to complete a survey advising if their child will return to school before the end of the summer term.

From tomorrow, Thursday 18th June 2020, we will be making the following changes -

- 2 x Nursery groups will be amalgamated into 1 group
- 3 x Reception groups will be amalgamated into 2 groups.
- 3 x Year 1 groups will be amalgamated into 2 groups.
- 6 x Year 6 groups will be amalgamated into 4 groups.

Once these groups have been amalgamated, they will not change until the end of the school year. We will not be able to offer new places to pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from this point forward unless government guidance changes.

As a result of the survey completed by parents of pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 we are now planning on opening groups for pupils in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 from Monday 22nd June 2020. We ask that you kindly complete the online survey to let us know if you are planning on sending your child back to school. That will allow us to assess our capacity and invite more pupils into school if we can.

A letter will go out Friday afternoon to those year groups returning informing them of start times and drop off points.

We are maintaining social distancing in school and the letter sent out to parents on 29th May 2020 is still relevant.

Yours faithfully

Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher

