



Holywell Primary School

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16th June 2020

Dear Parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

We hope to increase the number of pupils from other year groups in school. To enable us to do this we need to establish what capacity we have in school. Our staff numbers and available rooms will determine our capacity.

Therefore, if your child is not currently attending school, I ask that you let us know if you intend to send them back to school before September. All parents in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 need to let us know even if they completed a questionnaire previously. If your child has been attending school regularly since the 1st June 2020 then we will assume they will continue to attend.

The latest update released by the DfE allows schools to withdraw places for pupils if their parents do not intend sending them back to school before September. This will also be the case if parents intend to stop sending their child to school.

Completing the questionnaire does not mean that should the school be able to return to normal before September, your child cannot return to school. It does mean that under the current COVID guidelines, your child cannot return unless it is in agreement with the school and the school has capacity to take them.

If your child is not attending school they are potentially taking the place of someone in another year group who wishes to attend.

Responses are needed by tomorrow, Wednesday 17th June 2020 before 5:00pm. Failure to respond will be taken as opting out of sending your child back.

Parents are reminded that at this time it is their decision to send their child to school or not. We appreciate they might decide not to send them back at the current time. The school cannot enforce the return of pupils to school but we want to give more pupils the opportunity to attend and cannot keep spaces open indefinitely.

Regrettably, as a result of the unprecedented circumstances, we cannot offer Year 6 the usual end of year farewell activities because of social distancing guidelines.



We will continue to set work on google classroom for pupils not in school.

We kindly ask you all to complete the survey below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NDH5TJ6>

Yours faithfully

Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher