

# Highworth Combined School

Dear all

We are nearly at the end of the first week of wider school opening and I am pleased to report, that with the amazing support of the staff team here, it has been an enjoyable and trouble free week. We have loved being reunited with both children and parents. At last the school has come to life again with the sound of laughter and chatter, just as it should be.

As I have written before, we will support and respect the difficult decisions made by each individual family about the return to school. There is no right and wrong in a situation such as we find ourselves in, only what is best for you and your children.

Please may I remind you of the following:

In the coming weeks, it may be that some of you with children in eligible year groups review your decision and decide that you would like them to return. We are very happy to accommodate such requests, but need to know in advance that this is the case so that we can make the necessary arrangements. Please note the following if your child is going to return to school:

- email us at: [reception@highworthcombined.co.uk](mailto:reception@highworthcombined.co.uk).
- Send the email between Monday and Wednesday for a start date in the following week (e.g. email between Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June for your child to return during week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> June)
- We will send you a confirmation letter by Eschools on Thursday of that week to say that a place has been allocated and on which days
- We are not able to offer a choice of Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday as we have to ensure that the 'pods' remain of equal size
- Your child will be able to return to school on the date specified in the confirmation letter

Those of you whose children are not eligible to return to school, must think that I have forgotten you! I haven't, but I do have to confess to having directed most of my time and energy in the last few weeks towards wider opening. Fortunately, you have been in good hands with the wonderful team who have continued to provide Home

Learning Matrices and feedback for work submitted. There has been a small decline in the amount of work sent to us for feedback. I know that it may have been hard to refocus your children after the half term break and we will be looking at ways to support you with re-enthusing your children for the final few weeks of the year. Now that we have established the systems for wider opening, my focus will return to ensuring that we are providing the best support for all our pupils, whether in school or at home.

My very best wishes to you all for some peace and happiness this weekend

Clare Pankhania