



## **Learning and Teaching**

### **1. I am worried that my child has completely switched off over lockdown and the summer holiday.**

Some children will have enjoyed being at home and may not be excited by the thought of returning to school. These children will be helped to re-engage and move on with their learning. We will encourage and praise all children as much as we can. We are confident that our highly skilled teachers will plan learning activities that will motivate children and get them excited about their learning again.

### **2. Will PE still happen?**

Yes! This will be outside as much as possible. Pupils will not be required to change into a separate uniform for PE lessons. All pupils should bring a pair of plimsolls or trainers which will be kept in school for use during these lessons.

### **3. How will staff communicate with parents?**

Seesaw will be an important source of communication from P1-P7. This is where messages and letters will be posted. Parents will also have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have or to provide reasons for any absences. As we want to minimise the transfer of items between home and school, some homework will be uploaded to and completed on Seesaw. Our Facebook and website page will continue to be regularly updated and will also post key information.

While we are used to having an 'open door' policy in our school, this is not possible at present. Please phone school instead of coming into reception. In some circumstances, it may be possible to organise a face-to-face meeting (in line with social distancing guidelines).

### **4. Will my child still be able to bring reading books home from school?**

Where possible, we are encouraging reading online using Big Cat Literacy, Libby and Seesaw. However, there may be times that books will be sent home. When they are returned, these will be put into quarantine before being used by or going home with any other pupils.

**5. My child has worked incredibly hard over lockdown and as a parent I believe they are ready to move on with their learning. How will this be taken into account when other children may not have done as much?**

Our teachers will be able to work out children's levels very quickly. All teachers will differentiate the work for their class so it is at a level that will suitably challenge all children. This will take a few weeks to get right. If children are ready, we will endeavour to move them on.

**6. Will Assemblies still happen?**

For now, it is not possible to hold an assembly in the usual way as this would require bubbles to mix. However, we highly value assembly time and will provide this more virtually in classrooms.