

Dear Parents,

We hope that everyone is well.

At the end of a week of constantly changing news, guidance and tweets; just an update about the position in our school.

VULNERABLE & KEYWORKER CHILDREN

2 new "Bubbles" were opened up this week to accommodate children on the waiting list and we now have 105 registered children across 9 "Bubbles"

We also now have another waiting list of 30.

There are strict guidelines with regards to the organisation and staffing of each bubble.

We currently have 10 staff who are absent as they fall into the Extremely Clinically Vulnerable and Clinically Vulnerable categories.

Until some of these staff return we cannot open up any further "Bubbles"

We will keep parents updated.

ALTERNATIVE PLACES FOR KEY WORKER CHILDREN

There appears to be some mis-information with regards to schools being able to refer children they cannot accommodate to other sites. This is not the case.

Schools are working with the Local Authority to look at potential solutions to increase the capacity to accommodate Key Worker children across the City but there are no alternative places at the moment.

We will keep parents updated.

PHASED RETURN OF OTHER YEAR GROUPS

Parents will have seen in the national press that the government's initial promise that all year groups would be back in school for at least a month before the end of term will not be implemented. Our school does not have the space to accommodate the phased return of any of our other year groups.

Consequently, there will be no phased return of our any other year groups to school.

YEAR 6

We cannot accommodate our Y6 children on the school site.

As part of the City wide strategy to identify potential solutions to increase capacity; the school is happy to look at the option of using Fisher Moor Hall.

Initial conversations with the Local Authority have confirmed that full Buildings and Safeguarding Risk Assessments, as well as a COVID Risk Assessment, must be completed.

The school has been advised to work with the Local Authority Health & Safety Unit to complete these.

Please note there is no clarity as to how long this process would take to complete and no certainty that the Risk Assessments would confirm Fisher Moor Hall as suitable for this new use.

Staffing would also remain an issue.

We will keep parents updated.