



**LEVENS CE SCHOOL**  
Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you and well done to all the children who have been able to return to school in the last few weeks. They have all adapted so well to the new systems, expectations and learning environments.

Thank you also to our parents who have worked so well with school to ensure you have kept to your allotted arrival and departure times each day and ensured you and your family follow the expectations and routines set out in our Home School Agreement. You have all made a significant contribution to the success of our safe and secure partial reopening during the summer term. Please may I also take this opportunity to gently remind you of the requirement to ensure that your child/children's arrangements outside school ensure they are socially distancing and not mixing with children from other bubbles as much as possible.

Currently, we have a total of 44 children attending school in either our Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 6 or Key worker bubbles on a part-time basis supported by one or two members of staff. Staffing is determined by numbers in groups, their ages and to maintain safe and appropriate ratios. As you are already aware, the Government recently announced that the extended opening plans for July have been suspended. As a result, there are no plans to adjust or extend our opening arrangements at the moment though this is constantly under review. I do understand that this may be disappointing news for some of our parents, but as always, we will continue to follow Government guidance and only do what we believe is safe and secure for our staff, our children and their families.

As the school has gradually opened to more pupils over the last three weeks, staff have been assigned to specific bubbles and are therefore, unable to mix with other children or staff. I am very grateful to the staff for embracing all changes and challenges and to those part-time staff who have very willingly changed their usual working hours to support our new timetable. In addition to staffing considerations, extending opening under current guidance is determined by building configuration and classroom size. For example, a major challenge has been toilet facilities, as each bubble in the school must be allocated only one of our toilet areas for their sole use, regularly cleaned by staff throughout the day.

Whilst we are beginning to make plans to open in September to all pupils; these preparations will continue to be directed by Government and local authority guidance. Our class structure will be maintained into next academic year, with our current year 4 pupils moving up to Scafell with Mr Dean and myself; and our current year 1 children moving up to Skiddaw with Mrs Wadey. However, we remain mindful that our current systems and arrangements, including best deployment of all staff, will need to be adapted to accommodate more children. This might include changing teaching areas and teaching being delivered in smaller groups under the direction of a teaching assistant. These



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continue to be unprecedented times and the outlook for our autumn term remains uncertain; however, we will adapt, be alert to changing guidance and consider all approaches to get our children back to school to continue their learning. The School year may end on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, but I will continue to be in touch you with any updates and plans now and during the August holidays via our website and through texts.

**Welfare Calls for every family:**

It has been lovely to catch up with so many of our parents and children via our telephone calls over the last two weeks. If we haven't been able to make contact with you, please could I ask you to contact your child's classteacher to arrange a telephone appointment at a convenient time. It is really important that we are able to check-in with everyone as soon as possible.

**Year Six Leavers Treat:**

We are planning a very special treat for our leavers before the end of term. We would like to invite them back into school for a 'socially-distanced' evening of fun on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 4-7pm. This will include a Domino's pizza, a film, a water-fight and a very special visit from an ice cream van! Please save the date!

**End of Year Reports:**

Reports for all pupils will be distributed either by hand or via the post on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Please note there will be no attendance data included in this year's report.

**Year 5 & 6 residential visit February 2021**

I am very pleased to share that I have made a provisional booking for our usual 3 day residential trip to Edinburgh from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February until Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February. This trip has been a favourite with pupils in the past who have enjoyed a cultural tour of this fabulous capital that includes a trip to the zoo, Camera Obscura, The National Museum of Scotland and Dynamic Earth, as well as an evening meal at Nandos. Under normal circumstances, I would be writing to you now with more details about the trip and requesting a deposit, however, I will delay writing to you again until the autumn term with more information and an update on whether our trip is likely to go ahead as planned.

In the meantime, please stay safe and well; and please do keep in touch.

With my very best wishes



Jane Farraday