



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome back our first group of children and we are very much looking forward to seeing more children next week as we continue to extend our offer to Year six and Reception pupils.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at Levens who have worked incredibly hard to ensure our environment and our routines are as safe as possible. I would also like to thank all our families who have returned this week. It is incredible, how quickly our pupils are adapting to the new systems in place and we thank you for your cooperation and the time you have taken to get your children prepared for their return.

Today we interviewed some of the children from our Key Worker Unit who said:

*"I've liked to be able to get on with my home learning. I feel more happy and I've enjoyed seeing people." Y5 pupil.*

*"I've liked playing in the yard and playing with my friends." Y3 pupil.*

*"I feel happy to be back and I've enjoyed my packed lunch." Reception pupil.*

We are really confident that our careful, measured approach to reopening has ensured every pupil has received a very warm welcome; as well as providing opportunities to continuously review the systems and routines that keep everyone safe.

We are also in the process of making specific amendments to key policies: Our Whole School Behaviour Policy, Health and Safety, Staff Code of Conduct, Child Protection. Relevant policies will be published in our Covid-19 - school updates section of our website shortly.

As increasing numbers begin to return over the next two weeks, it is incredibly important that everyone continues to adhere to the instructions that are specific to your child/children in order to ensure our children, our staff and our families remain safe and well throughout the summer term. If your child is returning next week, please take time with them to read and view the information on the website, including our Home School Agreement: a signed copy of which must be brought into school on their first day.

I will be in touch with parents of children in Nursery and Year One about our plans to enable them to return to school very soon; and I thank you for your patience and understanding.



### **Home Learning:**

Thank you for all the fantastic work you have been doing at home: it has been lovely to receive your photographs and hear your news. We will continue to provide home learning for all our pupils throughout the summer term. If you or your child is struggling to understand a task or access the resources please do get in touch with us via the class email addresses; we are here to help.

### **Welfare Calls for every family:**

Next week, classteachers will be getting in touch with you on the telephone. These calls are just to make contact and keep in touch with your news. Each phone call is designed to last no more than five minutes. If we call when it is inconvenient, don't worry, we can call back at a mutually arranged time later in the week. Please note, if you have more than one child attending school, you will only receive one call from one of the classteachers, unless you specifically request another discussion with a different teacher.

### **First Aid:**

As you will already be aware from previous letters, notification of children receiving first aid will be communicated to you via text and not via letters or stickers until further notice.

However, I wanted to reassure you that if your child sustains an injury that is more significant we would contact you immediately by telephone. Please do inform us as soon as possible if any of your contact details have changed.

If your child becomes unwell in school, we will contact you immediately and expect that your child will be collected promptly.

### **Year Six:**

We are very pleased to inform you that all our year 6 pupils are returning to school next week. They have had the last few exciting months of their primary years snatched away from them and they will no doubt remember this experience for the rest of their lives. Sadly, all our usual celebrations are no longer possible; at least not for the foreseeable future including: our summer show, our leavers' treat, the leavers' service at St. John's Church and of course their special Sports' Day race that they have looked forward to for many years! At some point, we will come together and celebrate their journey through Levens and their achievements, even if this has to take place much later in the year. In the meantime, it is our mission to ensure they enjoy their time back in school with their friends and are able to undertake some valuable transition work to help them prepare for their huge step to high school in September. We are also closely working with QES and Dallam School to ensure their smooth transition.

### **End of Year Reports:**

Class teachers are currently writing individual reports for all our pupils although this will be a much smaller document this year; summarising achievements in maths and English, as well as a personal comment for the period between September and March. More information about this will follow soon.

**A reminder about term dates for next academic year:**

<b>School year 2020/2021</b>			
<b>Term</b>	<b>Start of term</b>	<b>Half term</b>	<b>End of term</b>
Autumn	Wednesday 02 September 2020	Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October	Friday 18 December
Spring	Tuesday 05 January 2021	Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February	Thursday 01 April
Summer	Monday 19 April	Monday 31 May to Friday 04 June	Friday 16 July 2021

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

With my very best wishes



Jane Farraday