



SHEERNESS WEST FEDERATION

Isle of Sheppey, Kent



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Dear Parents, Carers & Guardians

We hope that you are well and have managed to keep your child/children happy and settled this week despite the very hot weather.

It is hard to believe that three months have now passed since we have seen most of you and the children. We are thinking of you all and are hoping that you are keeping happy and healthy.

Home learning

We are very impressed with all of the children's efforts with their home learning on Dojo or the paper packs and want to thank you for your support with this. We recognise that some families are requesting more activities and that some families are finding a range of different activities at home for their children to complete. We hope that you have found and will continue to find the work, ideas and messages helpful, but also recognise that one size does not fit all children as everyone's circumstances are different. We also appreciate that it is very difficult to keep the momentum going - many of the staff appreciate this as parents themselves. Please access them in the way that suits your family's circumstance at the moment - you know your child and it is important that we all consider and look after our emotional well-being during these challenging times.

School updates

Staff at both Rose Street and West Minster continue to be incredibly flexible and are working hard to meet the needs of changing groups of children in school, whilst continuing to support the children who remain at home. The children who are coming in from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 have settled well into very different routines and are getting used to a different environment and new staff. We have been very impressed with how they have adapted to these changes and being in the "bubbles". This is also true of the children from the other priority groups as they have adjusted to new environments and bubbles.

We will be contacting parents of Year 6 children to tell you about some end of term transition arrangements and events and our plans to hopefully hold a farewell event for all our Year 6's in September.

At this moment in time it is unlikely that we will be able to bring children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 back into school before the end of term 6, or be open to all current children on a Friday. We will of course contact you if this situation changes.

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INSET Days

We have written to you about the two INSET days arranged in July, these are now on 21st and 22nd July. There will be an INSET day on Tuesday September 1st. Children will start back on the 2nd September pending further Government guidance.

Government announcements

All schools in England have had to deal with ever-changing announcements and changes to do with school re-opening, social distancing advice, free school meals, summer catch up, etc. These announcements do not always include clear guidance for schools so we have to continue to do what we feel is best for the Federation community - children, parents and staff. We are continually reviewing our risk assessment and control measures and are looking at how we can safely bring all of our children and staff back to school.

End of year reports

The children will still receive end of year reports which will be sent home by email towards the end of term.

September

We are pleased to say that there will be very few changes of staff come September, although there will be some changes to classes and which adults are with these classes. There is a separate letter going out to West Minster parents this week to explain changes in Years 1 to 6 that are happening in September. You will be informed via email on 2nd July who your child's teacher will be. We will be in touch again to provide further updates over the next few weeks about September and how things might begin to return to a new normal. School uniform will remain the same at both schools until further notice.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Best wishes

Miss H Brewer
Head of Schools