

12th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to our Pathfinder Schools community for working with us to ensure that we can welcome our pupils back to school whilst ensuring that health and safety remains our highest priority. It has been great to see our numbers gradually increase and children take the new arrangements in school in their stride.

Latest data for Northamptonshire

We have been working closely with the Director of Public Health for Northamptonshire, Lucy Wightman, to support our understanding of the trends in COVID19 infection in our area. The latest data can be found by following the link below:

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

The Kettering area has a total of 251 cases which is 247.9 cases per 100,000 people compared to the rate in the whole of England 278.2 per 100,000 people. In the particular areas of concern or 'hot spots' such as Sunderland and Gateshead the rate is almost 500 people per 100,000. Whilst the numbers are much higher locally than we would like them to be we are reassured that we compare favourably with England as a whole.

As we move forward we will also be receiving data on the number of cases in schools across Northamptonshire which we will of course share with you.

We hope that this helps those of you with children in Nursery, Reception, Yr1 and Yr6, who already had spaces from the 8th June but delayed their start date, to make informed decisions about when you would like your child to return. Please contact your child's school to discuss this with them preferably before next week so that we can build this into our future planning. Attendance is not currently being monitored but for these year groups the expectation is that pupils attend on a full time basis.

Recent Government Announcements

The government announced this week that primary schools will not be expected to welcome back all pupils before the summer holidays. They also said that where schools have the capacity to take more pupils they should be encouraged to do so. We await further guidance on this.

Our review of places for Key Workers, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will go ahead as planned next week we will then consider the government guidance as it is available and be in touch with you as soon as we can – we understand that planning is difficult for everybody at this time and we don't wish to add to any pressures you may be under. If you are in one of the allocated year groups and would like to request a place and have not yet discussed this with your school we kindly request that you do this by Wednesday 17th June so that we can use this data to inform our review.

School opening from September

Both the government and Pathfinder Schools sincerely hope that it will be possible for all pupils to be in school from the start of the 2020-2021 academic year, once again we await government guidance and will communicate with you as soon as we know anything.

Thank you for everything you are doing to support your children and our schools, we very much appreciate your continued support as we find our way through this challenging period.



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