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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome back some more children in Years 6 and 1 last week! We have really missed all of our pupils and it was so good to see those that came. School has been open throughout lockdown for vulnerable children and children of key workers. School staff have been working hard to support these families and to also provide home learning for all of our other children. I would like to thank staff for all of their hard work during this time and also thank all of you for engaging with home learning, and sharing various things over our Facebook page so that we can keep in touch.

Further Reopening for Pupils

As mentioned, we now have some pupils from Year 6 and Year 1 back in school as well as our key worker and vulnerable children. From Monday 29th June we will be welcoming back our Reception children. Following on from a review of our risk assessment, it is looking like we are going to be able to open for Year 5 pupils from Wednesday 1st July. A letter for Year 5 parents will be sent out this week with more information if we are able to facilitate this. If your child is still at home but is currently in Year 6, Year 1 or Reception and you would like them to return to school, please contact the school office - we need 72 hours notice incase we need to change room layouts and staffing arrangements.

Children who come to school do not need to bring anything expect a coat and a named water bottle. If your child is on packed lunches then they can bring their lunch in a disposable bag or a lunchbox. Please do not send your child's lunch in a large back pack.

School will provide free school meals for eligible children who are on site, and infant children who have universal free school meals will also be provided with a meal on site. If your child usually has a school dinner and you pay for these, we are still providing school dinners. We can only provide a school packed lunch at the moment as children need to eat their dinner in their Home Team classroom and it is easier and safer to transport packed lunch bags around school.

If your child is in the keyworker/vulnerable groups and you need them to be in school by 9:00am, please can I remind you that pupils in those Home Teams must be on site between 8:30-8:45am. Any child who arrives later will be asked to wait outside the school gate until a member of staff opens the gate for the next incoming Home Team.



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Home Learning

Again, thank you for all of the hard work you have put into home learning with your child. We appreciate that these circumstances have been difficult for everyone, and at times you may have had to focus on mental and emotional well-being for you and your child. We hope that you have found, and continue to find, the home learning we provide suitable for you. We have been using the online platforms 'Tapestry' for our Early Years children and 'Edmodo' for our Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils. For anyone who has found this hard to access, school have prepared, and will continue to prepare, paper based work packs that parents can collect from the school office. I would also like to direct you to the online resources that the Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize produce as we have found these useful as school staff. If you need anything from school regarding home learning, then please contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher when they contact you over the telephone.

End of Year Reports

We will need to send these to you electronically. The reports are due out to parents on Monday 13th July. Please email the school office office@st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk with your child's name in the subject box so that we have correct email contact details for you. If you do not have an email address please telephone the school office to make us aware. Please do this as soon as you are able to so that we are ready to email out reports on the 13th.

We are still going to present two pupils from each year group with a 'Pupil of the Year' award. This will celebrate the effort and achievement pupils have made during the Autumn and Spring terms. These will be emailed out to families, where possible, and hard copies of certificates will be given out when the relevant children return to school.

September 2020

As of yet we have very little detail as to what September will look like - we know as much as you do from the news and press conferences. As soon as we have a plan in place, following on from government guidance, we will inform you of arrangements for September. We are currently organising classes for next year, and we will let you know by 03.07.20 which class your child will be in next year. As we will not be able to have a transition day where your child visits their new teacher, we are hoping to do this online such as a video from your child's new teacher to introduce themselves.

Free School Meal Vouchers

We are aware that the government will now provide free school meals for pupils who are eligible over the summer holidays. We are awaiting some further guidance from the government as to what this will look like. We will contact those parents who this applies to with more information when we have it.



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Please remember to keep an eye on our Facebook page for things going on in school or for ways in which we will try and unite our school family. Also ensure we have correct contact details for you, including a mobile telephone number, so that we can alert you to letters we publish on our school website.

As always, if you need anything from us then please ring the school office. We miss you all and hope it isn't too much longer until we can all be back together again in our school family.

Your sincerely,

Mrs L Belfield
Principal