



# Beeston Primary School

Town Street, Leeds, LS11 8PN



“Promoting a love of learning”

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## **Parents Update: Keeping in touch**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Throughout this very difficult time, we have endeavoured to keep you informed as much as possible about our plans and how we are working hard to follow government guidelines and keep everyone safe. The past few weeks have been incredibly busy and we are delighted to say that we have successfully brought back children into Y6, Y1 and FS2 as well as maintaining groups for our Key Worker Children.

### **Smiling Faces**

How wonderful it has been to see so many more children back in school. Whilst senior leaders have not been able to visit classrooms or lead assemblies to welcome the children back; we have been able to greet them at the beginning and end of the day and go out onto the playground, at a social distance, to say, ‘Hello!’ and it has been a breath of fresh air to see more children learning and playing together safely.

### **Logistics**

The government made it clear that learning ‘Bubbles’ (small groups who learn and play together) should be no more than fifteen children. At Beeston Primary School, we have taken a great deal of time to measure our learning spaces and complete the risk assessments, and our ‘Bubbles’ are of no more than eight pupils. This is because we feel that is the maximum number of pupils we can get into our classrooms and enable pupils and staff to keep to the recommended two metre social distance.

After offering places to all our children in FS2, Y1 and Y6, we now have the following ‘Bubbles’:

- 4 Bubbles in Foundation Stage 2
- 4 Bubbles in Year 1
- 5 Bubbles in Year 6

This is in addition to 5 Key Worker Bubbles.

Each ‘Bubble’ has a Teacher and a Teaching Assistant to support, and where pupils have additional needs, there are additional staff to support them too. Each Bubble must also have their own classroom and resources.

Until this guidance is up-dated, we have no more available classrooms or staff to bring back pupils from other year groups.

However, we were delighted to hear Gavin Williamson (Education Secretary) announce at the daily press conference on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June that he intends for all pupils to be back in school in September. We are told we will receive further clarification and up-dated guidance over the coming weeks. We will take our time to understand this guidance and let you know our plans as soon as we can. There is nothing we would like more than to see our lovely school full again.

### **Transition**

It is at this time of year when we are normally in the final stages of organising our annual Transition Week. Although we are not going to be able to do this this year, we wanted to reassure you that we are making arrangements for your child to get to know their new class teacher. Teachers will work closely together to ensure that information is passed on and time will be spent ensuring that teachers and pupils can get to

know each other well. Pupil well-being has always been important, but now more so than ever. In the last week of term, you will receive a letter informing you of staffing changes for next year and letting you know who your child's class teacher will be, together with information about school logistics.

### **End of Year Reports**

Teachers have been busy writing individual school reports for pupils and we are sure that you are looking forward to reading about their attainment levels and attitude to learning this academic year. We realise that many children are not in school at the minute and it wouldn't be practical (or Covid-19 safe) to ask you to collect reports, so we have arranged for them to be posted out to home addresses.

### **School Calendar Dates**

School will close for Summer on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July and re-open for pupils on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September (Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September is a Training Day). Summer closure will be the first time school has closed its doors since February half term, as we have remained open throughout the 'normal' Easter and Spring Bank holidays. As well as giving pupils and staff a break, this closure will also enable essential buildings maintenance improvements to be made.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your support. We hope you continue to stay safe and that you know that you can contact the main school office if you have any questions or would like any support.

We will continue to keep in touch.

Very best wishes,

The Senior Leadership Team

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