



23rd June 2020

An Update

Dear Parents,

There has been a lot of communication going out from Ebor recently as well as information which you will have heard from the government. I thought you would appreciate an update from us here at Park Grove so that you are clear about what is happening here. I apologise that there is so much information but I thought that was better than anybody feeling unsure.

Children coming into school this term

Between now and the end of term we will be welcoming children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. All parents in these year groups will have been contacted separately with specific information about what to expect and when.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer any time in school for other year groups. This is because the staff are working in small 'bubbles' which will take every member of the team and every available space.

Home Learning

Home learning will continue until Friday 17th July. We have tried to increase the contact with children through video, Bloomz and Google Classroom. There will be no work set over the summer holiday.

Summer Holiday

The government have announced that schools will not be open for Key Worker children over the summer holiday. Children of Key Workers can continue coming into school until Friday 17th July. After this time there will be no provision for this group

Classes for September

We will be sending a letter this week to let you know which teachers will be in which class and which class your child/children will be in from September.

Coming back in September


We are preparing for all children to be in from September. However, just like you, we are still awaiting government guidance on this. As and when we know more details we will of course tell you. As a staff, we are all ready and able to have all children back in school. In order to do this, the rules on social distancing will need to change. We are putting everything in place though and the moment we get the go ahead we will be ready.



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Changes to staffing

There are some changes to staffing for September which you may not know about.

Firstly, Steve Symonds and Deb Carr-Brion will be leaving us. They will both be missed by the staff and children and hopefully they can welcome them back later in the year for a proper goodbye and send off. Good luck to both of them. It's an unusual time for us all saying goodbye to staff when we can't all be together to wish people well.

Our Office Manager / Business Partner, Naomi Chambers will also be leaving us to spend more time at home being a mum. We have offered the job to Miss Bryony Lewis who has fantastic skills and experience. Naomi is going to stay in September until she has fully trained Bryony for her new role.

A big thank you for all our leaving staff for their hard work at Park Grove.

We are currently recruiting to fill some of our teaching assistant positions and hope to have a full team ready for September.

Finally I am delighted to announce that we have recruited Miss Annabel Reeder to join our teaching team from September. Annabel did her teacher training placement with us last year and was a big hit with the children and staff. We feel she will be an excellent addition to the team. A full list of all teaching staff for next year will be sent out with the new classes list later this week.

Reports

We hope you enjoyed reading your child's class report for 2020. If you have any questions regarding the report, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher.

Parent Hub

Technology has become more important than ever during this difficult time. If you are not yet signed up for Parent Hub, please can we urge you to do this. So many parents have told us how much easier it is to have all current and previous letters to hand, at the touch of a button. It's so simple to have this App on your phone and it means you never miss any of our communication. Please contact Naomi Chambers at n.chambers@ebor.academy if you need any help with this.

PTA Bunting Challenge

It has been wonderful to see some of the photographs appearing on the PTA Facebook page showing the bunting that the children have been making. Hopefully it won't be long until we can display it in school.

Thank you all for your support during the lockdown period. The staff regularly receive emails from parents and it is fantastic for us all to feel so in touch. Please know that behind the scenes we are all working hard to get things ready for the safe return of all the children. Mr Stoner and the staff have made significant improvements to the inside of the building and we can't wait for you all to be able to see it.

Best wishes,

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