Friday 26th June 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

**Update: Home Learning, School Learning, Annual Reports, Transition Arrangements**

We’re now into our third week of a phased return for more children to school. Thank you to everyone for their support in the organisation at school and for you, parents and carers, for ensuring the safe drop-off / pick-up of your children.

Each Friday we are reviewing our bubbles and operating a waiting list for the Key Worker bubbles between Years 2 and 5. Unfortunately as these bubbles are full it is unlikely we will be able to accommodate any more children before the end of term. We are opening up an additional Year 6 bubble from Monday 29th June in our last remaining space due to demand in this year group. Mrs Clift will be teaching this group of children under the guidance of Year 6 teachers. There are still a few spaces in EYFS and Year 1.

**Home Learning**

This is continuing for those of you at home and monitored most of the time by Miss Atkinson, Miss Sellwood, Mrs Toni, Mrs Clegg and Mrs Henson on a regular basis. All classteachers do have some time during the week to respond to messages but this will be more limited than it has been so far and you may have a reply from someone else.

**A real plea from the adults monitoring this – please correspond using the class email address NOT through eSchools!**

I met with the teachers above on Zoom this week to discuss further suggestions for inspiring those of you at home and engaging more with those in school. Watch this space…

Year groups are continuing to set regular English and Maths tasks alongside other topic related tasks and a whole variety of creative activities.

The weekly learning sheets will be available on eSchools and posted on the school website – Home Learning – Summer Term Weekly Planning. Paper copies will be available from the school office if you are struggling with accessing eSchools or the school website. Please ring in advance to ensure the appropriate sheets are printed for you. If you have any queries about anything please send an email to the class email address or contact the school office between 9am and 3pm.

Whatever else you are getting up to at home, including other parent-suggested tasks, please let your teacher know.

A couple of questions to consider. Please send your replies into the school office [office@heeneprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@heeneprimary.co.uk) with the subject header ***Home Learning Responses*** by Wednesday 1st July.

* What is your child finding positive about the home learning?
* What is your child finding difficult about the home learning?
* What would your child like to do more of?

**Children in School**

The children in school have settled into a good routine. They do not mix with any other bubble whilst in school and are very good at following the one-way system we have in place.

Please do not send your child into school if they are unwell. The same rules continue to be applicable in terms of self-isolation. If your child or any other member of your family are exhibiting symptoms of Coronavirus then you need to self-isolate your family for a period of 14 days. If any child is unwell we will send them home immediately and if they exhibit symptoms of Coronavirus we will expect them to adhere to the above rules with regard to the self-isolation period of 7 days. You will also be advised to book a Covid-19 test. If this comes back negative they may return to school. If it comes back positive we will then seek further advice from PHE.

If a child is sent into school already ill it will affect our capacity. Working with us and adhering to these guidelines will be the difference between us being able to stay open or not.

Please look at the section on the school website for updated links to sites you may want to go to for further information and advice: Coronavirus – Useful Information – Guidance on supporting children and young people’s mental health & wellbeing.

**Annual Reports**

Class teachers have written adapted annual reports this year. These will be emailed to you by Friday 10th July at the latest. All children will receive relevant targets for their learning early in September on full return to school.

**Transition Arrangements / September Planning**

The Year 6 children are receiving support from their current class teachers in school and undertaking a PSHE project linked to transition. The receiving secondary schools are providing families with all the relevant transition information. We will share ‘Leavers’ information in due course, including links to a Diocese Leavers Service and a School Leavers Service.

Mrs Chandler has put together an extensive transition plan for all ‘new starters’ for September 2020. This information will be shared with families by the end of this week.

Information regarding transition for current EYFS – Y5 children will be sent out by Friday 3rd July. Your child’s new class teacher will then be able to provide you with a welcome message before the end of term.

We are constantly monitoring the information provided to us from the DfE, West Sussex County Council and PHE in relation to plans for September. I currently have three working options, all dependent on the rules in place at the time. As soon as we have receive further guidance we will pass the firm plans onto you.

Continue to stay safe and healthy in all that you do. Do keep in touch to let us know how you are as we are missing everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jo MacGovern

Headteacher