

Raughton Head C of E Primary School
Raughton Head, Carlisle, CA5 7DD
Head teacher Mrs A Dickinson

18th September 2020

Dear parents,

We are pleased to say it has been a fantastic return to school with lots of new faces, lots of smiling faces and even some sunshine this week.

It saddens us that we are unable to hold our normal community events this term but we are working towards organising some events that can be enjoyed via technology. Already the children are enjoying some collective worship from Rev'd Phillips via YouTube and we are hoping to use Microsoft Teams over the coming months as a source of information and learning should COVID-19 force a school closure.

We originally started school as separate 'bubbles' however there are so many incidences whereby staff and children are travelling over into the other bubble that we are now operating as one.

This therefore allows us to return to one sitting for lunch, some whole school collective worship and less pressure on staff and children to get it right! This does not deter from us still trying to maintain social distancing when needed, frequent washing of hands and sanitising surfaces more regularly. Your help in social distancing is much appreciated and we are grateful to you for trying to use the whole courtyard for collecting children. Please, when away from school, remember the magic 6 and avoid organising gatherings of more than 6, particularly if you are mixing with multiple households.

With the move to one bubble and the enjoyment after school club brings, we are hoping to start more themed after school activities and Mrs. Andrews has already started to look at the weekly plan - if you would like your input please respond to the letter she sent out earlier this week. Currently, club has been for those children where childcare is desperately needed. We are now happy to take bookings for any children that wish to stay for that extra bit of time. Please note however, that this must be booked via School Money and, due to appropriate child: adult ratios, will be limited to 16 children. We are looking forward to welcoming Mr. Phillips back to ASC on a Thursday afternoon for traditional games and from Tuesday, 29 September, Helena will be back to deliver drama club. Sports Club is currently held each Friday after school with Andy. A confirmed timetable will be sent home next week.

Our website is currently being updated and now has all the information of the new curriculum plans should you wish to have a read of the different topics and subjects we will be covering over the year - if you have any questions about anything we are teaching please, in the first instance, contact the school to speak to your child's teacher.

Normally, we try and complement our learning with trips out, visitors and celebrations. As these opportunities are currently limited, we have decided to host a video of our harvest celebrations on Friday, 9 October - more information to follow soon. Our individual parents' nights appointments have been put in the diary for Thursday, 12 November however we are unsure of how exactly these will be delivered but please keep the date free.

Mrs. Bainbridge is currently completing the menus for the rest of the term and these will be posted on our webpage later today.

Finally, we welcome Mr. Joe Blaylock to our governing body as our parent governor and Mr. Rod Phillips as our co-opted governor.

Yours sincerely,



Alison Dickinson
Head Teacher

Trust ourselves, Trust one another, Trust God.