



Newsletter 18th May 2020

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

I want to start the newsletter this week by thanking you for all your support with your children's home learning. It is wonderful to see some of the activities they have been doing with you, the fun they are having and the communications between you and school staff. Please continue doing what works best for you, as a family, and remember to contact teachers, via Google Classroom/Tapestry or email, if you need any further support.

A reminder that, as it is the May half term holiday next week, teachers won't be setting online learning activities for your children. I hope the weather is fine and that there are many opportunities for everyone to have time outside and to start enjoying the very gradual relaxing of lockdown we are beginning to see. Whoever would have thought that being allowed outside to exercise more than once a day, would seem like such a treat!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs H Sutherland
Head Teacher

Update for parents/carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

I feel like I've spent the whole week reading DfE publications and union guidance about school reopening that is frequently being updated! As a school, we are continuing with our plans for further reopening from 1st June for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Thank you so much to all parents/carers for their prompt responses to the text I sent asking you to confirm whether your children will be returning to school. Your replies were very helpful in enabling us to move forward with our planning. I will write by the end of this week with further details of provisions we are making in school and information you will need to be aware of, if your child is returning to school.

Child care for children of key workers

If you qualify as a key worker and might need to start accessing child care at school soon, please contact us with as much advance notice as possible. This is so we can plan staffing requirements. Please email school on aycliffevillage@durhamlearning.net with details.

School opening times from 1st June for children of key workers

Until now we have been able to provide a slightly extended day, to support key workers with their working hours. I am afraid we won't be able to continue with this from 1st June, once we move towards the wider reopening of school. From this date, key worker's children can be dropped off at 8.45 and picked up at 3.15. I am sorry for any inconvenience this causes but, we are asking our staff to be flexible in many ways and hope your employers can also be flexible with their support for you.

We are still here to help...

I wanted to remind you that, although the school building is closed for most children, we are still here to help and support in any way we can. Please contact us if there is an issue with your child that is concerning you and we will do all we can to help. Our email address is aycliffevillage@durhamlearning.net and phone number is 01325 300227.

