



# Purley Church of England (VC) Primary School

**"Let all that you do be done in love" 1 Corinthians 16:14**

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Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely transition this week with some of our Hedgehogs returning to school. 61% of the eligible children played and learnt happily in the FS garden. They even made their own personal playdough, working out the quantities.

The Bees group have been learning all about bees, even a bees' dance.



Next week, we are expecting 53% of our Year 1 children back in Badger class.

By June 15<sup>th</sup> the school will be a lot fuller as we are expecting 82% of our Y6s back. We are also expecting a visit from a member of staff from Denefield to support with transition (yet to be confirmed).

As there will be more children in school, we need to split our bubbles further. Key worker children from FS, Y1 and Y6 will be attending their own classes and will not be joining in with the key worker bubble.

This will not have an impact on the days that you are expecting your child to be in. Key worker/vulnerable children from Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will remain in the Key worker/Bees bubble.

The new behaviour rules are working well, in fact parents are having more trouble adapting to our one way system than the children!

Please remember to signoff the new home school agreement. The office is very busy and it would be helpful if we didn't need to chase anyone. You were sent this information last week. This, together with all the guidance we have circulated is available on our website.

This week, I was passed on some guidance by Mrs McConnell (see end of newsletter) regarding preparing your child to come back to school. Sorry we didn't spot it earlier. Hopefully it will help with those who have yet to return.



The KS1, fruit system is not up and running at the moment. Children who have been home for a long time are now used to eating and snacking at different times. Please send your child in with a piece of fruit to keep them going through the morning.

*Learn to love, love to learn*

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As well as day to day adapting, we are planning the best we can for September. Who knows at this stage what the new school year will look like? If all is well the school term days will be as on this link (2020/2021 dates are at the bottom of this webpage:

<https://www.purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=32&action=saved>

We have already informed you the new length of school day - doors open 8:50 so children are seated and ready to start work by 9:00. School will end at 3:15 not 3pm and in previous years.



Another change we will have in September is that Mrs Lees, our School Business Manager, will have sadly left us. Her post will be advertised from Thursday, next week. If you are interested or know of anyone that is interested, please look out for the details.

We also have a post for a cleaner. Again details are on the website.



Finally, parents of children who remain at home, you haven't been forgotten. Your children will have the same opportunity to access the learning that others will cover at school. I am so pleased that over 90% of our children have been actively engaged in conversations/learning with school. Some of you will have enjoyed supporting your children, others will have found it very challenging for a number of reasons; maybe a lack of time or difficulty in keeping them focused. Please believe me, that the effort you put in now will have an impact on the rest of your children's lives. We are here to offer support, please get in touch if you need to.

As a school we do not find out about any national changes until it is announced. Whatever the situation, we will adapt the best we can. I would like to thank you all for being so adaptable to the changes that keep happening.

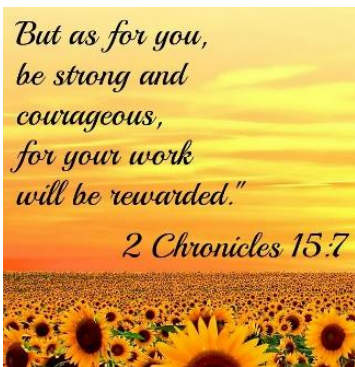


*But as for you,  
be strong and  
courageous,  
for your work  
will be rewarded."*

*2 Chronicles 15:7*

Karen Fakes  
Headteacher

5<sup>th</sup> June 2020



# Preparing Your Child For the First Day Back in School

*As schools begin to open to more children, parents and children may well be feeling anxious. Here's some ideas of how best to prepare.*

## Be Calm.

Your child will take their lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact.



## Be Curious.

These are strange times and their imagination may run away with them. Listen, and try not to dismiss or minimise their fears but validate how they are feeling – “it’s completely fine to feel like that at the moment” or ‘I can really understand why you would feel like that’



## Be Positive.

Remind them of all the ways they have learnt to keep themselves safe: washing their hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into their elbow, not hugging others and staying in their own space.



## Be Thankful.

Help your child think of things they are looking forward to: being with their friends, seeing their teacher, favourite activities but be mindful some of these may not be available for them



## Be Supportive

Younger children particularly may struggle with separation anxiety and may become tearful, clingy or act out. Reassure them that you will miss them too and think of them through out the day. It might be helpful to draw a little heart on their wrist and one on yours too. You can call it the hug button and when they find they are missing you they can press the heart and know that you will be doing the same at home. Sometimes having a little object to remind them of you through the day helps but please check this out with your school first.



## Be Prepared.

Support your child to be aware of changes that may have happened to their classroom environment since they were there last and rehearse any new routines that school may have shared. Rehearse and practice your ‘goodbye’ routine and create a ‘hello’ greeting for the end of the day for them to look forward to.

