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SCHOOL PLACES

Over the last few weeks we have been opening school to more children. Offering school places has been a very complicated process, thank you to the families who returned their surveys to indicate their wishes. We want you to know that we are eager to have **all** of the children back in school as soon as it is safe to do so. We have worked hard to be able to offer as many school places as we can. Thank you to our fantastic staff for making this possible, by working with our strict risk assessments and adapting the school building and school life in general to make this happen.

In school, many more children have now returned. We have been able to offer places to families with two key workers or lone parents in the first instance, along with vulnerable children. We are pleased that we have now been able to offer all families with one key worker a place if they wanted one. Because of the very large number of families of key workers who have requested a place in school, we have been unable to formally invite nursery, reception and Y1 children back as was the ambition of the government.

All of the children who have returned to school are now working in family 'bubbles' which are mixed age groups with siblings together as part of our infection control measures. This means that the children are not being formally taught in lessons by their teachers but we are essentially offering childcare. School staff are supporting children in their bubbles to complete the same learning that the children who are not in school can access via the class blogs I their home learning. There have been a large number of children who have returned to school in Y6 so they have formed their own bubbles where some teaching is now taking place. *Please get in touch if you need emergency support.*

HOME LEARNING

I wish to congratulate all of the '**home school heroes**' who are still doing an amazing job in supporting your children with home learning as well as juggling home life and often still trying to work at home yourselves. Please know that we are here to help and support you where we can.

One of the things that you have told us is that motivating the children at home is becoming harder and harder. We want to help, therefore we have set up **a new class email**, so the teachers can send a daily message to the children at home as a quick check in each day. We would love you to use this email to send us pictures of the work that the children are doing at home. This hopefully will help you to say things like, "Mr..... or Mrs wants to see what you've been doing," as an extra motivation for the children.

We do not want this to be an added pressure, so please, if this is something that would not work for your family then don't worry about doing it every day or even at all if it's too much! Nursery and Reception classes can continue to use Tapestry.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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Year 2 year2@shprimary.org.uk
Year 3 year3@shprimary.org.uk
Year 4 Year4@shprimary.org.uk
Year 5 Year5@shprimary.org.uk
Year 6 Year6@shprimary.org.uk

To start this off - please send us an email using your class email above and simply say HELLO and we will use your email address to get in touch each morning.

CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

I sincerely hope that school can welcome all children back in September, we are working hard on what this will look like, with close attention to supporting the children's' mental health and well being after such a long time away from school.

In order to make the children feel confident about coming back to school we are planning to have a week of celebration with their previous teachers in their old classrooms before they move up to their new year groups. We are calling this **GRADUATION WEEK**. During this week the children will do a range of exciting activities with their old teachers as well as having a transition afternoon with their new teachers in their new classrooms.

Teachers for September 2020

Nursery	Mrs Harris & Mrs Adams
Reception	Mrs Murdy & Mrs Bays
Year 1	Mr Shiels & Mrs Morris
Year 2	Miss Burns & TA
Year 3	Mrs Hall & Miss Batey
Year 4	Mrs Shipley & Mrs Bureau
Year 5	Mrs Nesbit & Mrs Ferguson
Year 6	Miss Rutledge & Mrs Nelson

We say goodbye and thank you to Mr Archer, Miss Aistrup and Mrs Bowman who are all moving to new and exciting roles.

Yours sincerely

Mrs B Brown