



Thrussington C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome back EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 into school over these last two weeks. They have all adapted very well to the new social distancing rules and routines and it's been fantastic to meet more of the school community.

You may have seen on Tuesday in the news that the Secretary of State for Education, Rt. Hon. Gavin Williamson MP, made a statement to the House of Commons. He confirmed that it will not be possible for schools to welcome back all primary age children to school before the summer holidays. Instead he said that schools should continue to welcome back children in a phased approach and in the smaller class sizes set out in the current guidance, if they are able to do so. He also said that the government is working to bring all children back to school in September but has not yet given an indication of how this will be achieved.

This announcement supports the approach that we have taken as a school. We will continue to make provision for Key Workers' children as well as EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6. If your child is in these year groups but has not yet returned to school, they can still do so if your preferences change. Please contact me at contact@thrussington.leics.sch.uk if this is the case. With the social distancing in place and class bubbles we have reached staffing and space capacity. This means we will not be welcoming any more class years back before September.

We do appreciate this will be disappointing news for many parents with children in Years 2-5. However, we need to follow the DfE's guidance on class sizes and safety measures in school to ensure that our children, staff and all their families are not exposed to any unnecessary risks. We will continue to support these children with their learning at home for as long as this is needed.

We are waiting for the government to publish guidance on wider expansion of provision in September and will continue to update you on any developments as and when they occur.

Yours sincerely

Hannah Roddy
Headteacher

Patrick Rendall
Chair of Governors