



Banks Road Infants and Nursery School

"A Home for Learning, Laughing, Caring and Trying"

SUMMER TERM

JUNE 2020

'Willow bubble' group in action

At the minute, our school looks very different to the 'norm'. Currently we are still open for vulnerable children and our key worker children.

The spaces we have created for our 'bubbles have worked successfully and we are making the most of the situation we have found ourselves in. Seeing the children has done everyone good!



We are now in a position where we have reached maximum capacity in each of our bubble groups and so can accept no further requests for child care provision.

Whilst we have no immediate plans to change what we are currently doing, we, like you all, look forward to the day when we can open our doors and welcome back our entire community once more.

STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

I would like to give you some details of staffing arrangements for September 2020. These are correct at the time of writing.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Kiddie who began her maternity leave at the beginning of June.

We have also recently appointed Mrs Moore to job share in Oak class. We are thrilled to welcome her to the Banks Road Team.

In summary, for the next academic year:

FS1 (Nursery)	Miss James
FS2 (Chestnut)	Miss Freeman
FS2 (Birch)	Miss Buxton (Monday and Tuesday)
	Mrs Morgan (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)
Year 1 (Maple)	Mrs Racz (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday am)
	Mrs Taylor (Wednesday pm) Thursday and Friday)
Year 1 (Cherry)	Miss Holmes
Year 2 (Oak)	Miss Morris (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
	Mrs Moore (Thursday and Friday)



Since schools were closed due to Covid-19 on March 23, school has remained open for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children. Teachers and support staff are classed as 'key workers' and have continued to work throughout. Staff who have been available to work on site have continued to do so and, for staff placed in the higher risk group, I have taken all reasonable steps to reduce or remove the risk altogether by putting in place a set of working arrangements, proportionate to the issues being presented, for them to work at home. We have been bombarded with daily communications, guidelines, advice from unions, LA Bulletins.... all of which can change on a daily basis. Without hesitation, staff continued to work through the Easter break as well as Bank Holidays. With sadness, I have read social media messages and national reporting implying, at worst, that teachers and support staff have enjoyed long extended holidays! These ill-informed comments devalue the work we have done and add to the relentless pressure on school staff.

I have been in constant awe of the positive attitude of the Banks Road team and their flexible approach.

I would like to take this public opportunity to thank them all for their support, their understanding and their relentless commitment to the children and families of Banks Road.



Dates:

- ⇒ On the yearly calendar you will notice that we had planned two INSET days on Friday 26 June and Monday 29 June. These have been cancelled to allow school to continue to be open for the children of our critical workers and vulnerable children
- ⇒ School will close on Friday 24 July for the summer break
- ⇒ Annual reports will be posted out on Monday 29 June



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Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

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