



SAWLEY INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Update and Contact

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well at home and managing to find a balance between home learning, home life and work. We know this is a very difficult time for everyone and would like to extend our thanks to you all for being so supportive, patient and resilient to the challenges faced.

Please contact your child's class teacher via Dojo or Tapestry if you need any specific advice or support, or feel free to phone school or use our Closure email (closure@sawley-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk) if you would like to talk to me or one of the senior leadership team directly.

Wider Opening and School Places

As you are aware, we were initially unable to offer additional places beyond those needed for Key Worker and Vulnerable children safely in school. As parents confirmed or declined places and timetables became more stable we were able to reorganise groups into year group or family rooms and 'jigsaw' part-time places together in order to make maximum use of the available space. We were then able to offer further places, prioritising the oldest nursery children for a place as per government advice

It has been wonderful to welcome back more children this week. The Nursery group have managed really well with things being a bit different in the Nursery setting, and our Key Worker groups continue to thrive in the main school building.

We are pleased to have been able to offer some wider places in school, but are obviously disappointed not to be able to welcome back more children at this point. We know there are many more families who would love to return, but we need to be realistic about the measures we can put in place whilst following social distancing guidelines and protective measures. We do not envisage offering any more pupil places before the end of the Summer Term and unfortunately do not yet have a clear picture for September. We will continue to monitor and adjust our arrangements based on further information or guidance and will keep you up to date with any changes.

Moving Forward

As this period of school closure has continued much longer than envisaged, and it is not yet clear when things will return to normal, we are considering ways to further improve our Home Learning and contact with children. This may include online learning in the future through platforms such as Google Classrooms, Office 365 and Zoom when we have had the opportunity to evaluate options and accessibility.

In the first instance, we will be increasing the frequency of video messages from teachers and starting to include other transition activities such as video tours, question and answer sessions, meet the teacher videos and class challenges.

Your child will receive some post through the door next week about their new class and we will be sending out and uploading transition videos and induction presentations to our website to help with some of the common questions and concerns over the next 2 weeks.

Home Learning and Extra Resources

We know that you have been working hard to support your children as much as possible with their academic progress and emotional wellbeing at home, the work and photos shared on Dojo and Tapestry are fabulous, and we have had some pretty awesome homemade cakes and treats sent into school too. Thanks!



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The work set by school is designed to be accessible to a wide range of families, with a combination of practical, creative and academic work including options for online learning. It is not compulsory to complete all of the activities and we encourage parents to adapt to suit personal circumstances. We recommend maintaining structure to the day and week but know that every home learning environment will be unique. We have recently reviewed our home learning provision. We will be providing more options for differentiated or levelled work to provide support or challenge. Parents are also welcome to browse the home learning pages from older or younger year groups if needed.

It has been brought to our attention that some of the free COVID access to sites like Twinkl and White Rose maths have come to an end. We are not in a position to provide access to these, but for those who prefer to have printed activities we will be sourcing alternatives and uploading other resources where possible.

If you would like another exercise book please feel free to pop in to collect one during the day, avoiding school drop-off and collection times where possible. If you need any other resources or would like to swap your child's school books, please phone or email to let us know what you need and when to expect you so we can get things ready. Please use this email address: closure@sawley-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk

As always, feel free to contact us via Class Dojo or Tapestry, email or phone if you need anything.

Sparkle and Shine

Mrs Harral