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NEWSLETTER

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Return to School Update

It has been a little over a week since we welcomed back our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils who joined the keyworker pupils in school. It has transformed school, hearing the pupils in classes and in the playground has been wonderful. We are following strict guidance to limit the risk of catching Covid-19, but it hasn't affected the enthusiasm for pupils and staff to enable a new type of learning opportunities in and around school. There has been a steady intake of around a third of pupils who have returned and I'm sure that number will increase over the remaining weeks before school closes for the Summer Holiday. I wanted to include some of the quotes from the pupils that have returned, which I hope alleviates some of the fears parents may have about sending their children back. Some of the keyworker pupils have been coming into school since lockdown began, have seen the changes that have been put in place and are comfortable learning in this new environment.

'School has been amazing! It is a bit different but to be honest I like the changes. We each have our own section in the playground (we call it bubbles). We all have to stay in our bubble so we don't spread the virus. In class we have our own desks and you have to wash your hands five times a day. Let's stop the virus together and learn at the same time!' - Christian (Y6)

'It feels good to be back at school, I get to see my friends who I haven't seen for months!' - Charlie (Keyworker)

'School is different for a keyworker pupil. We sit at the same desk, we socially distance from everyone else around school and have to wash our hands throughout the day. However it is definitely worth coming in, we've made new friends and are learning new things!' - Deanna (Keyworker)

'I missed school so much as I missed my friends, the teachers and learning! When I came back I had to be sorted into a group and I have a lovely teacher called Miss Buttler (she is kind and funny). It's true that I can't see my friends in the other groups but it's okay as I've made new friends. I love Calshot and it's great to be back!' - Jia (Year 6)

'It is strange in school as we have so much space around us, we even get the whole playground to ourselves. It is fun but we do have to keep a distance from our friends. It has been exciting having Mr Mitchell teaching us every day.' - Jaythra (Keyworker)

The school has adapted well to the many changes that were required for us to be able to safely open, I also want to thank the parents that I see each morning in playground maintaining social distancing and following the new rules. I do hope that before the Summer Holiday that all year groups have an opportunity to have at least a week in school and I will announce plans next week that we are currently reviewing that may enable this. At the moment we have limited staff and space to accommodate the current year groups in school so changes will need to be made if more pupils are to return on a rota basis. Information will be put on the school website when a final decision is made.

In the meantime, please take care of yourselves and your families.

Stay Safe!

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