



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School
Newsletter 17

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are well. The wonderful photos of your children's home learning make me smile every week. Thank you for investing in your children's learning and for giving them the chance to shine. I imagine that your children love seeing what their friends have been up to! It feels like a long time since we were last together at school. Well done to all our children who are being super home learners, we are all immensely proud of you. We miss your smiles, your endless fabulous ideas and boundless energy!

Please find time to look at our new website. Mrs Manners has been working hard on it for a few months and Mrs Howett has developed a new interest in website design! It will continue to develop over the coming weeks and months so that it reflects how our school continues to develop.

Landscapers have been working on site and the ground is being levelled and prepared for seeding. New trees have been planted and our football pitch is looking great, if only we could access it! I am feeling really positive about what our grounds will look like when the work is complete. We have all been so patient for so long and now the end is in sight. We are fortunate for the extensive outdoor space that we have. I am particularly interested in us developing an outdoor classroom – watch this space!

Our plans for June are progressing in line with extensive national guidance which is being updated on a daily basis. The enormity of the task makes the way forward for us, as a large Infant and Nursery School, extremely complex and I am grateful for your patience and understanding. I will consult with all staff groups and Governors when the first draft of the plan is ready. When this process is complete, the plan will be shared with parents and carers.

When it is safe to do so, we will gradually reopen our year groups in age order, starting with our youngest children. The decision to prioritise children in the Early Years Foundation Stage has been made by the Government. The large number of children that we have in each year group is the reason that we are unlikely to be able to offer school places to Year 1 children in June. We will be consulting with parents in one year group at a time, starting with Nursery. However, all plans are subject to change, and we will be continually reviewing Government guidance and our capacity to welcome back children.

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I hope that your child enjoyed receiving a letter and a video message from their teacher this week.

Please keep in touch with us by email – We are here to help and to answer your questions.

Kind Regards

Mrs Diffin

Acting Headteacher



Our School Plan for June

Since the Prime Minister's announcement on 10th May, we have been methodically planning how we can safely reopen school to more children. I am consulting with our Chair of Governors, the Local Authority, and other Derby City Headteachers.

The safety of the school community and our staff is paramount. When it is safe to do so, we need to gradually reintroduce children to school, giving them sufficient time to learn which door to go in, which classroom to go to, who will look after them, where the nearest toilets are and which other children they will be with. In addition to this, children will need to learn about what the new school day will look

like and what the new expectations are. Children will need to learn about why we need to stay apart and why we shouldn't share resources.

Since my letter to parents and carers on 13th May, we have received a high number of new requests for **Key Worker School Places**. We will be processing these requests next week and identifying the first group of children to be reintroduced to school after half term. This is our initial priority. Requests for Key Worker School Places must be emailed to us by Monday 18th May.

leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

We are also required to continue prioritising **School Places for Vulnerable Children**. Many of our vulnerable children require specialist support from key members of staff.

By the middle of next week, we should know how many classrooms and how many staff we will need to be able to support these two priority groups safely.

You will have seen that the Government have identified priority year groups for Primary Schools. The Prime Minister identified Reception, Year 1, and Year 6. It quickly emerged that Nursery children have also been prioritised. Within Department for Education guidance, it has been recognised that in an Infant School, the initial priority should be **Nursery** and **Reception**.

Our school is unique. We are not an average sized Primary School; we are a large Infant and Nursery School.

Our plan will be built around reintroducing year groups in age order, starting with our youngest children.

Our capacity to reintroduce children is directly linked to the number of classrooms that we have available and the number of staff that are well and able to work in school.

We have 10 classrooms in school (4 on the ground floor and 6 on the first floor). The Government have suggested having up to 15 children in a classroom. We have measured our classrooms and, with social distancing in mind, believe that 10 is a safer group size for our school.

On the ground floor, each classroom has their own set of 3 toilets. On the first floor, 3 classrooms share a separate set of 4 toilets.

We have staff members who are vulnerable and are not able to work in school. This will also affect how many children we are able to support in school.

Through our risk assessment procedures, we are implementing protective measures at school.

We will need to implement a one-way system when moving around the outside of the school building as children are dropped off and collected.

Our staircases are less than 2 metres wide and our corridors are about 2 metres wide. We will implement a one-way system inside the building as well.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. I am sure that you can appreciate what a complex and challenging task we have been given by the Government. It will not be the case that all our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children will be able to return to school on a full-time basis after half term. This is simply not possible.



Supporting children eligible for benefits related Free School Meals

We have almost 100 children that are eligible for benefits related Free School Meals and they continue to benefit from the Government's national voucher scheme. Shopping vouchers are emailed directly from 'Edenred' (the Government's chosen voucher supplier) to families. Parents/carers must continue to check their junk mail as the email could be in there. The Government are funding £15 a week for each eligible child.

We are waiting for confirmation about whether the Government will fund a voucher for the half term holiday, the week beginning 25th May.

All e-Codes have an activation date and cannot be used until that date. All e-Codes are 16 digits long. If you experience an error redeeming your voucher, delete the browsing history on your device and try again. If you continue to encounter difficulties, you can email 'Edenred' directly:

freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com

Mrs Manners can be contacted about your eligibility and our voucher offer by email:

leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk



Supporting vulnerable children

The hard work of our Safeguarding team continues to be relentless. The best interests of children continue to come first. We have many incredible packages of support in place that meet the needs of individual families. The Safeguarding team are continuing to go 'the extra mile' for our families and their work is very much appreciated by the whole school community. It is always great to hear from families that are safe, well and happy, however, we are here to help families that are experiencing challenges. Our regular well-being phone calls enable us to support and advise, as well as signposting parents and carers to community services.

If anyone has a safeguarding concern about a child, they should continue to act on it immediately.

- Parents/Carers can ring or email the school's Safeguarding team to make an enquiry, to ask for help or to report a concern: safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

The Safeguarding Team will always respond to you. I (Mrs Diffin) am our Designated Safeguarding Lead. I oversee all communication with parents and provide advice and support to the Safeguarding Team as appropriate. Mrs Howett, Mrs Asghar, Mrs Vincett, Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie are our highly skilled and experienced Safeguarding Champions.

- Parents/Carers can ring Derby Children's Social Care directly 01332 641172 (Out of hours Careline 01332 786968).
- Parents/Carers can ring the NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000.

Whatever you're dealing with and however you're feeling – support is available

- ✓ **Support regarding Mental Health and Wellbeing Poster** *Refer to our website*
- ✓ Derby's NHS mental health helpline 0300 790 0596



Supporting home learning

We are continuing to ask all parents and carers to do their best to support their child to succeed with our home learning challenges.

Do not worry about trying to maintain a full routine for your child like at school. Children will, however, feel more comfortable and learn better with a predictable routine to the day, even if this is difficult.

- ✓ **Our Daily Routine Guide** *Refer to our website*
- ✓ **4 Strategies to Motivate and Encourage Home Learning** *Refer to our website*

Every Monday morning, you will be sent a link for your child's home learning challenges for the week. Please encourage your child to try their best with these challenges. They have been put together by our teachers and they are well matched to your children's learning and our school approaches. Your child will benefit hugely from accessing these activities with your support. We are committed to working in partnership with you so that your child can continue learning and making progress.

- ✓ **Weekly Home Learning Challenges for each Year Group** *Refer to our website*

Your child's teacher would very much like to hear from you about how your child is getting on with their home learning. If you send a message or a photograph to the year group email address, your child's teacher will send your child some personal feedback to encourage them to continue learning.

If your child has Special Educational Needs, then you might find that the home learning that Mrs Vincett has put together more appropriate. There is something for everyone on these plans and they will support the development of speech and language skills, basic learning skills and social skills.

- ✓ **Home Learning for children with Special Educational Needs** *Refer to our website*

We have set some work that can be done on a digital service such as a laptop, desktop, tablet or smartphone. You do not need a printer to access our home learning. Parents and carers should set age-appropriate parental controls on any devices your child is using and supervise their use of websites and

apps. We must work together to ensure that our children are safe online. It is vital that parents and carers help young children to get into healthy screen time habits. Parents should manage screen time with a timer and be clear about when devices are being turned off and put away. Parents must control how their children use their screen time. You know what is best for your child.

- ✓ **Safe Screen Time and Online Safety Advice** *Refer to our website*
- ✓ **Online Safety SMART tips poster** *Refer to our website*
- ✓ **Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize** *Refer to our website*

Please aim to send at least one email a week to your child's class teacher so that we can 'keep in touch' with you and your child. We would like to know that your child is safe, well, happy and learning.

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reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk



Reading

Letters and Sounds is our School Phonics Scheme.

Collins Big Cat Phonics is our new School Reading scheme.

- ✓ **Phonics and Reading Poster** *Refer to our website*

You can learn more about our school schemes and what your child can do at home by reading our poster and following the links.



Power Maths

Power Maths is our School Maths Scheme.

- ✓ **Power Maths – Making Maths an Adventure Poster** *Refer to our website*

You can learn more about our school scheme and what your child can do at home by reading our poster and following the links.



Nursery Admissions

For children due to start Nursery in September 2020

(Age 3 before 31.8.20)

We do still have places remaining. To make an enquiry, please email Mrs Howett:

nursery@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk



Reception Admissions

For children due to start school in September 2020

(Age 4 before 31.8.20)

We do still have places remaining. To make an enquiry, please ring Derby City Admissions team 01332 642730.



Contacting School

During this partial school closure, we will not always be able to answer telephone calls or listen and respond to answer phone messages. Please be patient with us.

Senior Leadership Team

leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Diffin, Mrs Howett, Mrs Asghar, Mrs Vincett, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Manners)

Safeguarding Team

safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Diffin, Mrs Howett, Mrs Asghar, Mrs Vincett, Mrs Leadbeater, Mrs Dearie)

Year Group Teachers

nursery@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Howett)

reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Unwin-Rose, Miss Brown, Mrs Orme)

year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Miss Doxey, Miss Harker, Miss Luke)

year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Dalton, Mrs Asghar, Miss Swain)



Look at our fantastic work from Nursery and Reception

last week...

We are so proud of all of you!

Have fun and challenge yourself!

(It could be your work next week!)

Thank you so much for all the amazing work we have been sent this week. Please keep sending us all your lovely photographs and pieces of



Well done to Emilie in Nursery for completing Mrs Panter's Home Learning Challenge! We love the bird feeder you have designed and created!



Amazing work from Daisy in Class 1, we love your equal measurement activity using pasta! Keep up the hard work!



Amazing work from Caitlin in Class 2, who has been busy on bug hunts all week! We love the bug hotel you have made, it is amazing!! Keep us updated on any visitors you receive at your bug hotel!



Well done to Taylor in Class 3, we absolutely love the farm you have created out of cardboard, it is brilliant!! We hope you had lots of fun playing with it!



HOME LEARNING



★ Look at our fantastic work from Year 1 and Year 2 last week... ★

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Well done to Lucy, we love your fantastic measuring skills to put your sunflowers in height order.



Amazing work from Jacob, he created his own space project and made a model with information in the stars.



Well done to Sienna in Class 6, we love your amazing maths work. You've worked so hard.



Amazing work from Lexi in Class 7, we love your beautifully decorated salt dough hand cast.



Well done to Hollie in class 8, it looks like you're having a great time gardening.



Amazing work from Harry in Class 9. The postcard you have written for your grandad made us smile 😊



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