



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School  
**Newsletter 18**

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**Dear Parents and Carers**

I hope that you are all safe and well. The weather this week has been incredible, and I hope that your children have all remembered to be Sun Safe Superstars when enjoying the fresh air every day. It has definitely been paddling pool and ice cream weather!

I have some wonderful news to share with you. Miss Marley's baby arrived safely into the world this morning. Orlagh Elsie looks so beautiful and we are all looking forward to meeting her when it is safe.

Our provisional plan for the potential wider opening of school after half term has now been approved by our Governors and the Local Authority. Consultation with staff groups and unions is now taking place. New and updated Government guidance continues to be released on a daily basis and, as a school, we are required to respond to this guidance appropriately. The Government will decide on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May whether it is 'safe' for schools to begin the wider opening process. As advised by the Education Secretary, our provisional plan is based on a very controlled and precautionary approach. We must emphasise caution, pausing and reviewing before taking the next step. The safety of our school community and staff is paramount.

With the support of our Health and Safety advisory team, we are completing detailed risk assessments and identifying control measures. These risk assessments need to be approved by the Local Authority and this all takes time. We are implementing a range of strict protective measures and this involves staff training, transforming our school environment, including the classrooms, and implementing a one-way system on site and in the building.

During the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June, we are continuing to support the children of Key Workers and Vulnerable children. Mrs Roberts is continuing to coordinate our Key Worker and Vulnerable children school places. [leadership@cavlosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:leadership@cavlosei.derby.sch.uk)

**NO ADDITIONAL CHILDREN WILL START SCHOOL DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE.**

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Layla, from Class 2 was extremely brave last week when she stayed in hospital for a few nights following surgery. Layla was the perfect patient and is now recovering well at home. Well done Layla, we are all so enormously proud of you. Get well soon. Big sister Erica, from Class 7 missed her sister and her Mummy for a few days but was very helpful at home with Daddy. Erica worked hard on all her home learning challenges and she helped to keep the house clean and tidy. What a grown-up girl and a fabulous sister. Well done Erica. We are proud of you too.

We are also delighted to hear that Ben, from Class 3 has become a big brother. He is loving being a sensible, calm, and caring big brother to his new baby sister. We can't wait to meet her when it is safe Ben! Baby Grace is lucky to have a big brother like you. I know that she will love to learn from you as you are always so busy talking, playing, being active, having fun and smiling.

We hope that your children will enjoy our fun 'Teacher Guess Who?' competition this half term. You will never guess which one is me!

Please keep in touch with us by email – We are here to help and to answer your questions. We would also love to hear your news.

**Kind Regards**

**Mrs Diffin**

**Acting Headteacher**



## **Our Provisional Plan for June and the Wider Opening of School**

Our capacity to welcome back 'priority' children is directly linked to the available space that we have in school and the available staff that we have who can work with children in school.

**Available Space** (this is determined by social distancing measures):

- Nursery – We can support 15 children at any one time.
- 9 Classrooms – We can support 10 children in each classroom at any one time.

This gives us an overall maximum capacity of **105** children.

**Available Staff** (this is subject to change and will be reviewed on a weekly basis):

- Clinically extremely vulnerable - We have staff who need to shield and cannot work with children in school.
- Clinically vulnerable - We have staff who cannot work with children in school.
- We have staff with caring responsibilities who will need temporary flexible working arrangements.

**Priority Children** (this has been decided by the Government, NOT the school)

1. Children of Key Workers (as defined by the Government) and Vulnerable children (as defined by the Government)

We have been supporting these priority children since school closed on 20.3.20.

We will continue to support these children **everyday** during June and July, from 8:55am to 3:15pm.

**Priority Year Groups** (this has been decided by the Government, NOT the school)

When the Government confirm that it is safe to do so, these are the children that are eligible for a school place **IF** we have the available space and staff.

2. Nursery children – We have **50** Nursery children in school.
  3. Reception children – We have **90** Reception children in school.
  4. Year 1 children – We have **84** Year 1 children in school.
- We have **90** children in Year 2 and these children are in a key transition year group in an Infant School, however, this has not been recognised by the Government at this time.

You can clearly see that we have far more 'eligible' children than we have space available at school. For this reason, it is highly unlikely that we will be able to offer places to Year 1 children. We may not be able to offer places to all our Reception children. Until social distancing measures relax, we are not able to have more than 105 children in school at any one time. This is for health and safety reasons.

We will take one year group at a time in priority order. After half term, we will begin to consult with Nursery parents and carers. We will then organise teaching groups, identifying staff and classrooms, and make offers to parents and carers. **Places will be offered on a part time basis.** Children will be offered a place on a Monday and a Tuesday **OR** a Thursday and a Friday **every week**. Each teaching group will be given their own start time (between 9:00am and 10:00am) and finish time (between 2:00pm and 3:00pm). On a Wednesday, the classrooms will be deep cleaned in preparation for a new group. Teachers will continue to work on home learning and engagement with the children who are at home.

**NO ADDITIONAL CHILDREN WILL START SCHOOL DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE.**

Please do not bring your child to school if they do not have a confirmed Key Worker or Vulnerable children school place.

When Nursery children have been successfully reintegrated, we will move onto consulting with Reception parents and carers. I will continue to share information with all parents and carers on a weekly basis.

This week, you have been invited to take part in a survey where you can share your views about the wider opening of school. We will be sharing the outcomes with you and responding to your concerns. Thank you for your engagement.

As a parent myself, I understand that in order to make an 'informed choice' about whether you feel comfortable with your child 'possibly' returning to school, you need information about how school will be the same and how school will be different. We have made a 'Welcome Back Information Booklet' that will hopefully answer many of the questions that you have.



### **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 will 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 and 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.

All eligible families will continue to receive the vouchers until further notice.

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](mailto:freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com)

Mrs Manners can be contacted with any queries about your eligibility and the voucher scheme:

[leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)



### **Supporting vulnerable children**

As a Safeguarding Team, we are continuing to do all that we can to support our school community. We are working in partnership with a wide range of health, social care, and Local Authority professionals to meet the needs of our families. An increasing number of our vulnerable children are returning to school with bespoke packages of support that require a significant amount of planning and preparation. The safety of children and our staff is paramount. Staff that have visited homes with learning packs have been delighted to be greeted by happy children and grateful parents and carers. Thank you for all your kind words.

**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](mailto: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**

Next week is May half term and we feel that it is appropriate to give you and your child a break from our usual home learning activities. Instead we have set your child a half term

## **Star Challenge**

You will receive the Star Challenge on Monday morning. Our school vision is based around our children all having the chance to shine as stars at our school. The work that your child produces will be displayed at school. When it is safe for your child to return to school, I know that they will enjoy finding their work and having a look at their friends work. I am looking forward to seeing all your creative ideas. We would love our school to be full of stars, just like it usually is!

### **Our STAR Expectations**

**At Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School, we are all stars.**

**Together, every day, we reach for the stars.**

<b>S</b>	<b>Super star learners</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>Try our best</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Able to make safe, healthy, and happy choices</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>Respectful and kind</b>

**Together, we can all shine.**

**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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[year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto: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*

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto:leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

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

### **Safeguarding Team**

[safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

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

### **Year Group Teachers**

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(Mrs Howett)

[reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

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

[year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

(Miss Doxey, Miss Harker, Miss Luke)

[year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

(Mrs Dalton, Mrs Asghar, Miss Swain)



# Look at our fantastic work from Nursery and Reception last week...

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### 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 work!



Well done to Oliver in Nursery for being a 'Determined Dexter' and completing his tricky Scooby Doo jigsaw! We loved to hear you also enjoyed making cakes and playdough!



Amazing work from Eleanor in Class 1, well done for independently writing the numbers 1-10! Excellent number formation, keep up the hard work!



Amazing work from Class 2's mathematician Fenn-Lee, who has been working very hard this week on doubles and odds and evens! Well done for showing your working out Fenn-Lee! Keep it up!



Well done to Ellie in Class 3, we love the 3D spider you have created, it is amazing! Well done for challenging yourself!



## HOME LEARNING





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Well done to Lilly-Mae, you've used brilliant sounding out to write your letter to Mrs Doxey.



Amazing work from Jack, he did some super writing all about how rainbows are made.



Well done to Grace in Class 6, we love your super rainbow poem about the weather.



Well done to Esme in class 8, for your super healthy eating plate.



Amazing work from Riley in Class 7, we love your beautifully written menu design.



Amazing work from Finley in Class 9 who has written a list of all his favourite foods.



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