



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School
Newsletter 19

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is now 11 weeks since school closed for the majority of children and we are now 7 weeks away from the 'summer holiday'. The world as we know it has changed and we are all doing the best that we can for our families. This is my 20th year at Cavendish Close Infant School and it is definitely a year to remember! What a year to become a Headteacher! I get comfort from thinking about my Grandad. He was a Headteacher in Liverpool during the Second World War when schools closed. He was responsible for evacuating children to North Wales. I can only imagine how challenging that must have been.

Here at Cavendish Close Infant School we have 314 children and 51 members of staff. It amazes me how well we have all done with keeping in touch and reaching out to each other. Keeping up with the millions of phone calls, messages and emails has been challenging but I feel that we have continued to build relationships and stay connected. I am able to monitor all communication with parents and carers by accessing our electronic recording system. I love to read about what our children have been choosing to do – the adventures, the creations, and the achievements. I understand that the tooth fairy has been busy in Chaddesden and Oakwood over the last week and it's great to hear that so many children have mastered riding a bike without stabilisers. Well done for keeping your children busy, entertained, learning and happy for the last 11 weeks.

I would also like to acknowledge the parents and carers that have been caring for their children and working from home. This has been hugely challenging for many reasons but again we have all done our best. There have been some days when my girls have done more cartwheeling than working but they keep promising me that they will "catch up tomorrow"!

As parents and carers, we are all working hard to keep our children motivated with home learning as we know that investing in our children's education is vitally important. This week your child received a wonderful postcard from their teacher, hopefully this helped your child to reconnect with school and learning after the half term holiday.

Some of you we will see this half term and sadly some of you we will not see until September due to national social distancing measures. Our Year 2 children will not be able to have the usual 'send-off' with celebrations, performances, events, and special assemblies. We are busy planning what we can do remotely to create special memories. Maybe our Year 2 children can think of good ideas and email them to us? **Mrs Reader** is the Year 3 Leader from Cavendish Close Junior Academy and she is working on a special video for the Year 2 children. We have agreed that the children will remain in the same classes and we have begun to share important information to enable the transition to be as smooth as it can be. **Mrs Tague** is the Acting Principal and we are in close contact so that we can continue to develop the growing partnership between our schools. I will absolutely visit the Year 2s when they are Year 3s and they have settled at their new school. One day it will be safe for us all to meet again!

We are all aware that national social distancing measures will be in place for some time. As you start to reconnect with your friends and your family, please make safe choices and be patient.

[Stay Alert](#)

[Control the Virus](#)

[Save Lives](#)

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 feedback and family news.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Kind Regards

Mrs Diffin

Acting Headteacher



Our Plan for 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 national social distancing measures):

- Nursery – We can support 8 children at any one time.
- 3 Early Years Foundation Stage classrooms – We can support 8 children in each classroom at any one time.
- 6 Key Stage 1 classrooms – We can support 10 children in each classroom at any one time.

This gives us an overall maximum capacity to have **92** children in school at any one time. This is less than one third of our school population.

Available Staff (this is subject to change):

- We have **Clinically Vulnerable** Staff who are not able to fulfil their role in school.
- We have staff who live with a family member who is **Clinically Extremely Vulnerable** and so they are not able to fulfil their role in school.
- We have staff with caring responsibilities who 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 20th March. We will continue to support these children for the next 7 weeks.

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

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.

You can see that we have far more 'eligible' children than we have space available at school.

We will take one year group at a time in priority order. We will consult with Nursery parents and carers next week. Parents can choose if they would like their child to be considered for a place or not. **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.** On a Wednesday, the classrooms will be deep cleaned in preparation for a new group. Teachers will use this time to continue working on home learning and engagement with the children who are at home.

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. When we reach our capacity, we will not be able to offer any more places until national social distancing measures are relaxed.



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. 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 encounter difficulties redeeming your vouchers, you can email 'Edenred' directly:

freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com

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

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.

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

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

- ✓ **Mental Health and Wellbeing Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Mental-Health-and-Wellbeing-Poster.pdf>
- ✓ Derby's NHS mental health helpline 0300 790 0596
- ✓ **Kindness Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Kindness-Poster.pdf>
- ✓ **Online Safety Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Online-Safety-Poster.pdf>
- ✓ **Online Safety Poster 2** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Online-Safety-Poster-2.pdf>
- ✓ **Mood Monster Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/MM.pdf>
- ✓ **Mood Monsters Love to Read Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/MMLoveRead.pdf>
- ✓ **Sun Safety Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Sun-Safety-Poster.pdf>



Supporting home learning

You can find our home learning offer on our school website www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

Every Monday morning, you are sent a text message with a link to your child's **Home Learning** for the week. Your child will benefit greatly from accessing these activities with your support. Our home learning page is developed by our teachers and it supports our whole school approaches. Your child can email a photograph of their work to their teacher for feedback. Best work is celebrated in our newsletters and Mrs Howett would like to celebrate children's work on our website as well.

Every Tuesday morning, you are sent a text message with a link to tell you about what is new for your child to access on **Education City**. Year 1 children have been logging in the most and accessing a brilliant range of the Year 1 activities. Miss Doxey, Miss Luke, and Miss Harker will be pleased to hear this. Reception children have been enjoying the English activities the most and the year 2 children have been accessing the Maths and the Science activities the most. Thank you to Miss Harker for being our Education City expert!

- ✓ **Daily Routine Guide** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Daily-Routine-Guide.pdf>
- ✓ **Motivate and Encourage Home Learning** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Motivate-and-Engage-your-Child.png>
- ✓ **5 Point Noise Scale** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/5-Point-Noise-Scale.pdf>
- ✓ **Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Oak-National-Academy-and-BBC-Bitesize-Poster.pdf>
- ✓ **Nursery Writing Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Nursery-Writing-Poster.pdf>
- ✓ **Reception Writing Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/EYFS.pdf>
- ✓ **Year 1 and Year 2 Writing Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/KS1.pdf>

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.

nursery@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

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.

- ✓ **Nursery Phonics and Reading Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Nursery-Phonics-and-Reading-Poster.pdf>
- ✓ **Phonics and Reading Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Phonics-and-Reading-Poster.pdf>
- ✓ **Letters and Sounds Chart** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Letters-and-Sounds-Graphemes-Chart-Poster-1.pdf>
- ✓ **Letters and Sounds Online Phonics Lessons** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Letters-and-Sounds-Online-Phonics-Lessons-.pdf>
- ✓ **Reading Band Chart** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Reading-band-chart-1.pdf>

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

Our school promise for 2020 is to find time to enjoy reading every day. Bedtime stories are the perfect end to a busy day. What is it that your child likes to read the most? In my house, Blossom and Tabitha are reading their way through the 'Malory Towers' books by Enid Blyton. They were inspired by the CBBC series. I hope that your child has enjoyed watching the teachers read stories on our website. Time spent reading is time well spent! Reading develops vocabulary and imagination.

Power Maths

Power Maths is our School Maths Scheme.

- ✓ **Nursery Maths Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Nursery-Maths-Poster.pdf>
- ✓ **Power Maths Reception Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Power-Maths-Reception-Poster.pdf>
- ✓ **Power Maths Key Stage 1 Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Power-Maths-Key-Stage-1-Poster.pdf>

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We are going to be buying all the children in school a Maths workbook for the summer. For some children this will be a **Power Maths Summer Home Edition** and for some children this will be a **Collins Counting workbook**. It is good to hear that parents and carers would like these and will use them to support their child to develop their Maths knowledge and skills. Children who complete these books will be able to earn a reward in September.

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

We have been working on information packs for our new Nursery children and their families. We will be sending these out soon.

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.

We have been working on information packs for our new Reception children and their families. We will be sending these out soon.

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

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(Mrs Howett)

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(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 the WC 18/05/20...

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 Anastasia in Nursery for drawing a beautiful self-portrait, it is fantastic! Keep up the hard work Anastasia!



Amazing work from Dexter in Class 1, who has been getting very creative! Look at the amazing model he has made, well done for carefully choosing your resources Dexter!



Amazing work from Isabelle in Class 2, who has created a beautiful story map of 'The Snail and the Whale' along with a summary of the story! Well done Isabelle, keep it up!



Well done to Maddie in Class 3, we love the 3D whale you have created out of an egg box! It is amazing and very creative! Keep up the hard work!



**HOME
LEARNING**



