



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School
Newsletter 21

Monday 22nd June 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your family are safe and well.

It was an incredibly busy week at school last week as we welcomed back more children of key workers and vulnerable children. Where parents and carers have requested places, Nursery children have returned to school and this week Reception children will be returning. Our new procedures are working well, and school is a calm, orderly and safe environment.

We are now working towards reopening fully in September. School will be closed to children throughout the summer holidays. We have work planned on site with new fencing replacing the heras fencing and new signage being installed. We have work planned in school and, at last, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Manners will get a bespoke school office fitted. As a new building, we have a long list of 'defects' that will be rectified by different contractors this summer. Many members of staff haven't had a day's break since the crisis began. We have responded to endless guidance and updates from the government while supporting understandably anxious teams. We have reinvented school, established our home learning offer, and provided valuable care and support for our most vulnerable families. At times, the pressure has been immeasurable. The summer will bring a much-needed opportunity for us to step away and recharge our batteries ahead of a challenging autumn term and new academic year. I am certainly looking forward to a break with my family this summer. My oldest daughter Blossom will become a teenager and my youngest daughter Tabitha will be starting in Year 6 in September. We have many plans for home improvements, and we are looking forward to spending time with my parents who we have missed terribly. I hope that you are able to plan an enjoyable summer.

Tuesday 21st July will be the last day of the school year for children. Wednesday 22nd July, Thursday 23rd July and Friday 24th July will now be INSET days. We have worked through previously planned INSET days and we will need this valuable time as a team to prepare for the new academic year. We will work together on our School Improvement priorities, we will support transition by sharing information about children and we will transform our school environment so that we are able to open fully in September if the government confirm that it is safe to do so.

The new school year begins with an INSET day on Wednesday 2nd September. We are working towards Year 1 and Year 2 children returning to school on **Thursday 3rd September**. Start dates for Nursery and Reception children will be staggered and communicated to parents and carers separately.

We are all aware that national social distancing measures are due to be reviewed in the coming weeks. As you continue to reconnect with your friends and your family, please make safe choices and continue to 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 your family news.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Please take care.

Kind Regards

Mrs Diffin

Acting Headteacher



Sun Safety

Children in School need to bring a sunhat every day so that they can safely play outside.



Our Wider Opening of School – WE ARE NOW FULL

As you know, 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. As a large Infant and Nursery School, our circumstances are unique.

We have over 240 'priority' children but only the available space and staff to support less than 100 children. We are doing all that we can but we understand that some parents and carers will be disappointed that we are not able to offer school places to all our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children as well as the children of Key Workers and vulnerable children. We have continued to follow government guidance in relation to how to prioritise school places.

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

1. **Children of Key Workers** (as defined by the Government) **We are now supporting over 50 key worker children.**

Vulnerable children (as defined by the Government) **We are now supporting over 25 vulnerable children.**

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 at our school. **We are now supporting almost 20 Nursery children (40% take up).** We have been able to offer school places to all Nursery parents and carers that requested a place. The Nursery consultation started on 10th June and finished on 11th June.
3. Reception children – We have **90** Reception children at our school. **We are now supporting almost 35 Reception children (39% take up).** We have been able to offer school places to all Reception parents and carers that requested a place. The Reception consultation started on 15th June and finished on 17th June.

We are now supporting 100 children and we have reached our capacity. We are full and we are not able to progress with a Year 1 consultation this week. We cannot safely welcome back any more children this term.

4. Year 1 children – We have **84** Year 1 children at our school. **We are already supporting over 20 Year 1 key worker children and vulnerable children (25% of the year group).** We are not able to offer anymore school places to Year 1 parents and carers.

Other Year Groups

5. Year 2 children – We have **90** Year 2 children at our school. **We are already supporting over 20 Year 2 key worker children and vulnerable children (26% of the year group).** We are not able to offer anymore school places to Year 2 parents and carers.

Please do not bring your child to school if they do not have a confirmed school place.

All enquiries regarding school places should be by email: leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk



Coronavirus – Track and Trace (for parents and carers of children attending school)

Responding to the Coronavirus advice from the Government is an obligation on all schools in England. The development of the NHS 'Track and Trace' scheme is a key part of the government plan to manage Coronavirus. As more children are returning to our school, the safety and wellbeing of children, staff and their families is our priority.

If anyone in your household develops coronavirus symptoms, you must not bring your child to school.

Anyone who develops coronavirus symptoms should access a test as soon as possible.

If your child develops coronavirus symptoms at school, they will be sensitively moved to our isolation room and you will be asked to collect your child immediately. You will be encouraged to access a test for your child and to share the results with school.

We may feel that it is necessary for all other children in the classroom bubble to be sent home as a precaution. If the test result for the child displaying symptoms is negative, then the classroom bubble can safely reopen. If the test result for the child displaying symptoms is positive, then the children and staff from the classroom bubble will be expected to self-isolate for 14 days.

If the staff members from your child's classroom bubble are unable to attend school for any reason, then we may need to close your child's classroom bubble until the staff members are able to attend school again. Staff should not move from one bubble to another to cover for each other and we do not have 'spare' staff who can provide cover.

I realise that the above measures may cause inconvenience to working parents and carers, however, safety of children and staff must continue to be prioritised. We all have a civic duty to stay alert and control the virus. I am extremely grateful for your patience and understanding during these uncertain times.



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 eligible families. We know that sometimes the emails have been delivered into 'spam' boxes so please check there. We also know that some vouchers have not been redeemed and will expire soon, please ensure that you redeem these vouchers so that your child can benefit from this scheme. The Government are continuing to fund £15 a week for each eligible child.

All eligible families will continue to receive the vouchers until further notice. You will have seen in the news last week that, thanks to Manchester United's Marcus Rashford, the vouchers will continue through the summer holidays.

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

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.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Diffin.

Safeguarding Team: Mrs Howett, Mrs Asghar, Mrs Vincett, Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie.

- 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.

Children who are exposed to domestic abuse can experience emotional, mental, and social difficulties that can affect their developmental growth. Children can experience social discomfort and confusion over what is acceptable. As a school, we are support a local initiative called SDAT '**Stop Domestic Abuse Together**'. Please get in touch with us if you feel that home life is affecting your child's mental health and wellbeing.

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

If you are worried about your child's mental health and wellbeing, please get in touch with us as we would like to be able to offer advice and support.

- ✓ **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>

Most children access daily screen time. As parents and carers, we need to fully control what our children access on screens and how long they use screens for. Children should not have 'free access' on the internet or on video platforms such as YouTube. Children should only play age appropriate games, parents and carers need to pay close attention to age ratings. Limit screen time so that your child can have plenty of time to be active and sociable.

- ✓ **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>

In school, we use the '**Mood Monsters**' to help children learn about different emotions and how to regulate emotions effectively. If your child is struggling with their emotions, please get in touch with us as we would like to be able to offer advice and support.

- ✓ **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>

With a heatwave on the way this week, please protect your child's skin from harmful UV rays. **Slip** on a T-shirt and cover up. **Slap** on a hat. **Slop** on sun-cream. **Seek** shade. **Slide** on sunglasses. **Sip** plenty of water. Enjoy the weather but stay safe.

- ✓ **Sun Safety Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Sun-Safety-Poster.pdf>



Supporting home learning

Some children have not been to school for over 3 months now. We completely understand that 'keeping home learning going' can be challenging, however, we know that you will continue to do all that you can to support your child's education. Your child's best interests are important to us as well and we will continue to provide weekly home learning challenges, with a focus on practising reading, writing and Maths skills. A routine, expectations and rewards will certainly help.

- ✓ **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>

Most of our teachers and Teaching Assistants are busy working with children in school every day, although all teachers do still have some dedicated time to connect with the children in their class that are learning at home.

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.

Every Tuesday morning, you are sent a text message with a link to your child's **Education City** activities for the week. We have almost run out of 'new' activities and so your child will need to revisit and consolidate previous learning.

In addition to our school offer, some children are enjoying lessons from the **Oak National Academy**. The **BBC Bitesize** offer is full of celebrities showcasing their talents and motivating children to learn. It is important that you find the learning that your child enjoys the most.

- ✓ **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>

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



English - Reading and Writing

Letters and Sounds is our School Phonics Scheme.

Collins Big Cat Phonics is our new School Reading scheme.

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

- ✓ **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>

Our school promise for 2020 is to find time to enjoy reading every day. There is lots of research that proves that children who read regularly achieve better outcomes at school. Reading with and to your child is the best way to boost their literacy skills.

Have a look on our website and your child can see videos of our teachers reading some of our favourite stories.

Find a reason for your child to write every day. Your child could... Write a shopping list. Write a list of jobs for the day. Write a letter to their teacher. Write a message to a friend or family member.

- ✓ **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>



Power Maths

Power Maths is our School Maths Scheme.

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 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 (Year 1 and Year 2) Poster** <https://www.cavclosei.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Power-Maths-Key-Stage-1-Poster.pdf>

We are in the process of ordering Key Stage 1 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**. Children who complete these books will be able to earn a special reward in September.

Please make sure you have given us your permission to share your address:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kleuYn8v802ZY--PnRpeQq1Hqho2Y9BJrJE6c-pDZ35UOTV00EZPTkgzNU42U1IGVzRWN0owMIlOTS4u>



Transition into Nursery – September 2020

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 know now that, due to national social distancing measures, our new Nursery children will sadly not be able to visit us before the end of term. Our information packs for our new Nursery children and their families are almost finished and we will be sending these out very soon. Mrs Howett (Early Years Foundation Stage Leader) and the team of Nursery Teaching Assistants are planning what we can do remotely to support a smooth transition.



Transition into Reception – September 2020

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 know now that, due to national social distancing measures, our new Reception children will sadly not be able to visit us before the end of term. Our information packs for our new Reception children and their families are almost finished and we will be sending these out very soon. Mrs Howett (Early Years Foundation Stage Leader) and the team of Reception teachers and Teaching Assistants are planning what we can do remotely to support a smooth transition.



Transition into Year 1 and Year 2 (Key Stage 1) – September 2020

We have decided that we will not be mixing any of our classes this year. All children will stay in the class groups that they are already in. We feel that this will provide greater stability for the children when they eventually return to school. In July, children will find out which classroom they will be in when they return to school, who their teacher will be, and who the class Teaching Assistant will be. We have begun to work on information packs, and we will be sending these out in July as well. Mrs Asghar (Key Stage 1 Leader) and the team of Key Stage 1 teachers are planning what we can do remotely to support a smooth transition.

The Government have now stated that it will not be safe for schools to reopen fully before the end of term. It will, therefore, not be safe for children to meet their teacher and Teaching Assistant or visit their new classroom before the end of term. We are working towards welcoming back all our new Year 1 and Year 2 children in September.



Transition into Year 3 – September 2020

Please let us know if your child will not be going to Cavendish Close Junior Academy so that we can begin to communicate with the school that your child will be going to.

Cavendish Close Junior Academy

Year 2 parents and carers should have received an email from Mrs Reader (Year 3 Leader) about joining up to Class Dojo. Mrs Reader will use Class Dojo to share information about the Junior Academy, including a video tour of the school. She will also share activities for the children to do. Mrs Reader sent this email on Wednesday 10th June. If you didn't receive this email, please contact the Junior Academy

on 01332 672338. Parents and carers will be able to use Class Dojo to contact Mrs Reader directly with any questions.

End of Year 2 Celebration

Mrs Dalton, Mrs Asghar and Miss Swain are busy planning how to give our 90 Year 2 children a memorable but remote 'send-off'. We know now, that due to national social distancing measures, Year 2 children will sadly not be able to return to school before the end of term. The only Year 2 children in school will be the children of Key Workers and vulnerable children. All Year 2 children have been invited to contribute a short video or a photograph towards a class video. We will share other End of Year 2 Celebration plans as soon as they have been confirmed.

Please ensure you have completed this form to give us your consent to do this:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kIeuYn8v802ZY--PnRpeQq1Hqho2Y9BJrJE6c-pDZ35URFJPUkxFOVdFUFo3UU50Q0c4UIpCRzhQWC4u>



Contacting School

School is open for children with confirmed places every day until the end of term. You can ring us on 01332 662239. **The school office is closed, and you are not able to visit us in person.** All communication must be by telephone or email.

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 work!



Well done to Chloe in Nursery, who has been practicing her maths skills! Chloe used her fingers to help her answer these number sentences. Super work Chloe!



Amazing work from Jacob in Class 1, who has created two fantastic 'Under the Sea' pictures! Well done for being so creative and carefully choosing your resources Jacob!



Fantastic work from Ethan in Class 2, who has created a fabulous 'Under the Sea' picture! Ethan has carefully drawn his picture and has used his super Phonics skills to label it! Keep up the hard work Ethan!



Fabulous work from Tia in Class 3, who has created an amazing rabbit out of playdough! Excellent detail Tia, keep up the hard work!



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Look at our fantastic work from

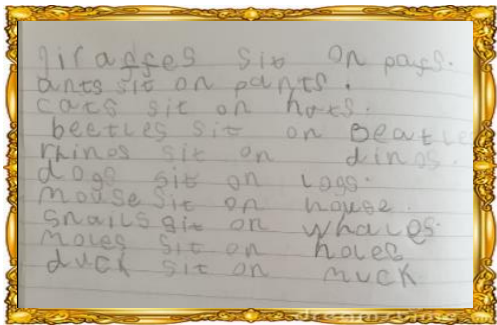
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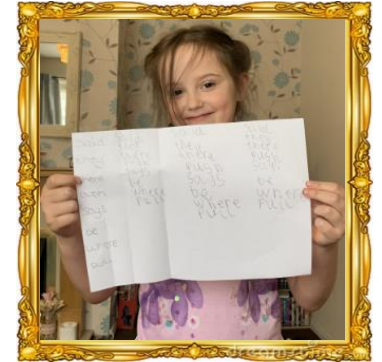
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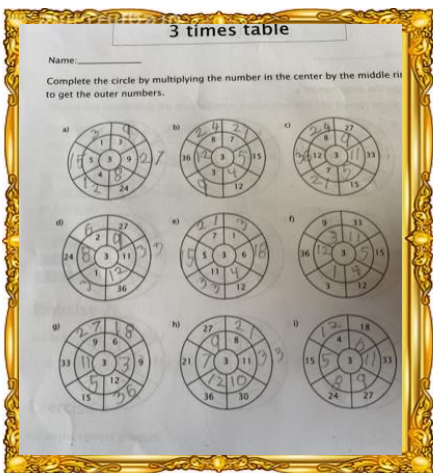
Well done to Flynn in class 4 who has written some super rhyming sentences from 'Oi Frog'.



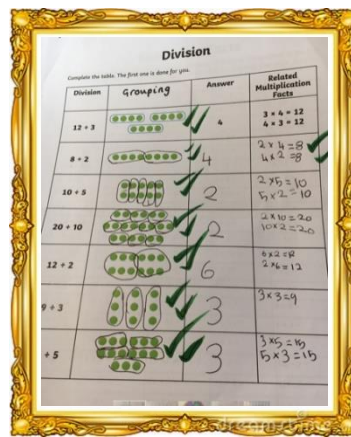
Amazing work from Riley in Class 5 who has drawn a friendly alien and written a super description



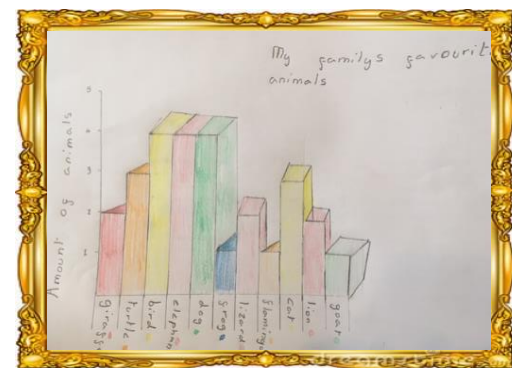
Well done to Evie-Mae in Class 6 who has been practising her common words lots. Well done 😊



Oliver in Class 7 has been spending lots of time practising his times tables. He is a maths superstar.



Well done to Lillyarna in Class 8 who has been trying hard with her multiplication and division this week.



Amazing work from Grace in Class 9 who created a superb bar chart by finding out her family's favourite animals.



HOME LEARNING

