



# High Littleton Church of England Primary School 20th March 2020

*"Valuing all God's children within an inclusive community."*



## Until we meet again...

Dear all,

Firstly, thank you to you all for being so patient with us as we finalise preparations for this afternoon's school closure as well as putting plans in place for the next few weeks and possibly months. As you are aware, the government has this morning released a list of key workers, whose children would be entitled to attend school. However, I would urge you all to consider very carefully in sending your child into school. The primary purpose for closing schools was to reduce the spread of the virus and a large number of children at school in the coming weeks would only go against what we are all trying to achieve. Having said all this, we look forward to welcoming those children whose parents have contacted the school who have a key worker role. As well as this, children with an Education, Health and Care Plan and those children who we feel are vulnerable will also have access to the school. More details will be sent to all those parents this afternoon.

To you as parents, I would like to thank you for all the amazing messages of support that we have received these last few weeks. It really does mean a lot to read of your appreciation of all that we have done and continue to do to support your children. We dearly love your children and that is why today, it is going to be so difficult to say goodbye for the foreseeable future.

I would like to extend my thanks to all my staff who have continued to their job in supporting the children and keeping as much continuity for them during a period of worry.

To all the children at High Littleton, you are the reason that we get up in the morning. You are the reason that we enjoy turning into the car park. You are the reason why this is all worthwhile. We are incredibly lucky to have such wonderful children and I truly look forward to seeing you when we next open our gates.

To my dear Year 6 children, today is hopefully not the end of your time at High Littleton Primary School. Today is hopefully a mere pause and that we will see each other before the end of the summer term. However, if this is not to be, then I want each and every one of you to know this: I am incredibly proud of you and how you have grown into independent, confident and happy children. You are truly a credit to both the school and your parents. Please be proud of all that you have achieved during the last seven years. Continue to be the best that you can be and strive to achieve your goals.

Each year, during the Six Nations Rugby Championship, I take to Facebook with this quote: "There are moments in history, when the many, through the few, become one."

As I reflect on what has been the most challenging time for us all, it is with huge pride and admiration that I see what our school community has achieved in sharing the burden. We are the many. We are the many, who through our collective efforts as a community are able to support the few, our front line staff, in ensuring that they can overcome the common goal. We are one and that is what is incredible about our school.

Please do look after each other and look out for others during the coming days, weeks and months ahead.

Stay safe.

Gareth

*"Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12*

## Safeguarding

Although the school closes today, if you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, you can contact the school office on 01761 407622 or by email: [office@highlittletonschool.com](mailto:office@highlittletonschool.com).

## Recruitment

We are delighted to announce that we have recruited Miss Rachael Cunningham as our newest member of our teaching staff. Miss Cunningham, who currently teaches a Year 2 class in Coventry, will be joining us in September as Fox Class's teacher. Miss Cunningham came across as a warm, friendly individual who had a fantastic rapport with the children. All members of the recruitment panel were unanimous in their decision to offer Miss Cunningham the post, which she has duly accepted. We look forward to welcoming her to our school during the coming months.

## Foodbank Vouchers

We hold food bank vouchers for Somer Valley Foodbank in school. Anyone is entitled to food bank vouchers if they are on low income or in financial crisis.

You are also eligible if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and your school closes. In the event that you feel you may require food bank vouchers during school closure and think you may be eligible, please contact the school office in confidence, for more information. The office will be manned for the near future and we are happy to help in this matter if your situation changes.

## Foodbank Thanks

Thank you all for your kind donations to the Somer Valley Food Bank. We are pleased to help this wonderful organisation at a very busy time.

They have advised us that food stocks are low, and during a time of such uncertainty, are very grateful for your donations. You can continue to donate, if you wish, through the nearest collection point at the tills in Tesco.



## Attendance

Please find below the current percentage attendance for each year group and class.

Reception	95.9%
Year 1	95.5%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	98.4%

Owl	95%
Hedgehog	96.9%
Fox	98.1%
Badger	96.9%
Otter	98%
Deer	98.4%

## Parking

If you use your car to transport your child to and from school, please could I ask you to be considerate of other road users and our neighbours during these times. As ever, our priority is the safety of the children. I would urge you therefore to be mindful of where you park at the start and the end of the school day.

Please could we also ask that children do not ride their scooters or run in and around the school cars in the car park for the children's own safety and to prevent further damage to staff vehicles.

Please check out the website. Click on the link below:-

[www.highlittletonschool.com](http://www.highlittletonschool.com)

You can also follow us on Instagram follow @high\_littleton for daily updates and pictures.



## Dates for your Diaries 2019—2020

*Please click on the link below to take you to the 'Diary Dates' page and scroll down to see Club dates!*

['Diary Dates/Clubs'](#)

High Littleton Primary School is committed to working towards race equality, promoting positive approaches to difference and opposing all forms of racial prejudice and discrimination. Language or behaviour, which is racist or potentially damaging to any ethnic or racial group, is not tolerated and will always be challenged. We recognise that British society is made up of people from many different racial, cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds and that all pupils must be fully prepared to live in such a diverse society.