



Clandon School Newsletter

Dear Families,

I have never sat down to write a newsletter with quite so much pleasure. It feels like a very decadent thing to have time to do and it is another little ray of hope towards a return to normality. What a time we have all been through and what work is ahead of us in rebuilding our community and forging a future together.

School is by no means back to normal but it does feel like we can get back to some of the other items on our agenda that have been well and truly taken over by planning during a pandemic. I find glimmers of hope when we start to talk about curriculum, classes, and transition; the normal Summer Term conversations are beginning to be floated between training on how to wash your hands and infection control,

It has been amazing to see more children back at school this week and we are hopeful that soon we will be able to welcome everyone with open arms! There is currently no 'road map' for this and I am hesitant to predict a return to school for all year groups but there is some talk of July and I am hopeful we will at least get a little time together.

So, what does Bubble School look like?

Being back at school has been tiring but lots of fun. All the staff are working hard to provide amazing learning opportunities for the children.



Back to School in a Bubble:

Mrs Matthews is now a celebrity after her bubble school story has been shared by children all over the country and even as far as Asia! It is a beautiful story with wonderful illustrations so if you have not yet shared this with your child please do.

It can be easy to forget that the lengths staff go to at Clandon are above and beyond those of your average teacher. The fact that so many schools are now using this resource goes to show what a special team we have.

On that note I would like to thank all the staff at Clandon School for their amazing dedication during this crisis. Without exception they have come out fighting for our school and for your children, ready to do whatever is needed to support one another and you as families. It has not been an easy time for anyone and there has been plenty of anxiety and obstacles to overcome; I am so very proud of them all.

Parental Choice:

I want to reassure you that you have our full support in whatever decision you have made or will subsequently make for your child at this time. Some of you have no choice but to send your child to school, other families send their children because they need routine, their friends or to progress with their learning. None of us underestimate the challenge of home schooling! Some of you are not sending your child for now. There is certainly no right answer here and please be guided by your child and your context.

A few reminders:

Thank you so much to most families who have stuck to the measures outlined in the parent information. As I said at the time this is an exercise in trust and we need to ensure we are all looking after each other.

Please can we remind everyone that only one parent must attend drop off and pick up for the time being. Adult contact is the biggest risk to our staff and children, so it is important to minimise the number of adults in our school.

If your child struggles on their first day back, or on subsequent days and cannot come into school with adult intervention you will need to take them home and try again on the following session.

There are no late entries so please leave plenty of time to get to school, park and join the queue.

We really cannot accommodate last minute changes of plan when it comes to days and times in our bubbles. Please ensure you give Mrs Toone notice of any changes on the Friday (9 days before any changes).

Children in the Key Worker bubbles are exhausted; it is very intense and a big step up after being at home for such a long time. Please do not send your child on days you are not working and collect promptly once you have finished working. Whilst we understand working from home with small children around can be a challenge sending your child in full time when you are at home is not appropriate.

Year Six Bubble:

Children returning to Year Six will have received their bubble invitations for next week. Mrs Toone has been busy preparing fun activities, ordering resources and is so excited to be able to welcome you back next week.

Year One Bubbles:

We are hopeful that our Year One Bubbles will be able to return the week beginning 15th June. Look out for your invitations next week.

Thank you as ever for working with us during this challenging time; your support is much appreciated. Please do not forget that you can email me head@shere.surrey.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Best wishes

Vicky