



The Merton Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. I wanted to get in touch before the end of term to re-assure you that plans are well underway for the full re-opening of the school on Wednesday August 26th 2020. Whilst there will be some differences in the way we have to operate, it is still the case that we hope to welcome all children back to school. I will be communicating with you early in the week beginning August 17th to inform you of all the details and the full plans around all aspects of the return. Should any key communications be needed prior to this, I will be using the school e-mail system alongside the school website to keep you informed and updated.

I understand there will be many questions around the details of the August re-start. Thank you for your patience, the guidance was released last Thursday and staff are working hard to make sure all aspects of your child's return to school are carefully thought through and planned. Our curriculum planning will look to identify and address any loss of learning whilst ensuring pupil well-being and social/emotional development is made a priority. For those of you previously using Before and After School Care, we are working hard to make sure that this will be available from the first day back. We will be in touch with you as soon as possible to confirm this and hope to have provisional plans in place to share with you by the end of next week.

We hope our new-starters are excited about starting school at The Merton, we are certainly looking forward to meeting them! Please find our transition timetable in the 'Admissions' tab on the website. We feel the programme will allow your child to settle in well whilst enabling staff to meet and learn all about the children. This plan will be confirmed in the week beginning August 17th so please check to see if any arrangements have changed.

I would be grateful if you could share this section with your child/children: *"I would like to say how much I am looking forward to meeting all of you. I cannot wait to find out all about your interests, hobbies and talents! Miss Thomson has told me so many wonderful things about you and it will be brilliant to welcome you back to school after the summer holidays where I look forward to hearing about what you have been up to and any adventures you want to share. Next year is going to be a really exciting year and I hope you will be ready to work hard, have fun and show me exactly what your school motto 'To be the best you can be' really means in person! Have a fantastic summer break and I can't wait to see you really soon when we all come back!"*

If you have any individual concerns or questions that need answering prior to the week beginning 17th August, then please get in touch through the email address:

admin@merton.leics.sch.uk

I will be looking at ways to further engage and connect with you in the new academic year, be that in person or virtually wherever possible and I look forward to meeting with you and working with you all next year.

Stay safe and I hope you enjoy the summer break.

Matthew Lee