



CUFFLEY SCHOOL

A Foundation School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

Following my last update to you, we now have around 200 children at school in innumerable bubbles across the course of the week, from Early Years to Year 6, along with our constant group of key worker children. I am saddened that we do not have the capacity to extend this offer to all year groups and I am disappointed not to be able to see all of our children back with us before the end of term. However, given the strict guidelines around social distancing and managing risk, this is simply not possible.

As this academic year draws to a close, I would like to share with you some of our planning for September. As things stand, I expect to be able to welcome you all back – the details of which will be ironed out when government guidance is available. We will be updating our comprehensive risk assessment to ensure that our children's safety continues to remain paramount, as well as that of staff and the wider community. As soon as we have seen government guidance and completed this planning, we will of course share it with you.

I am now pleased to be able to share the 2020-21 Class Allocation with you. From this you will be able to see your child's teachers from September. As you can see, we have a few new names.

Having had perhaps the most challenging first year of teaching imaginable, two of our teachers are moving on to pastures new. Miss Abi Rowe is taking a little time out of full time teaching and is concentrating on working with children in a different capacity. Mr Carl Godfrey, who has faced a difficult commute this year, has decided to find a school much closer to home, that will allow him to improve his work-life balance. They have both had a positive impact on our children and I wish them well as they move on to new challenges.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newly recruited staff. First of all, welcome to Mrs Andrea Charalambous and Miss Bethany Shevlane who are joining our Reception team. They are both Early Years specialists and bring a depth of experience and new ideas between them. I would also like to welcome Miss Rebecca Rowson to Year 4, a teacher with experience in Key Stage 2. In addition, Miss Louise Joyce, who had her start with us interrupted by the COVID-19 crisis, joins Year 2 as their teaching assistant.

I am delighted to welcome back Miss Tracy Pearce and Mrs Vas Yiakoumi from maternity leave. They will be job-sharing in Year 1, with Miss Pearce working Monday to Thursday and Mrs Yiakoumi on Friday. I am sure you will all be pleased to see them back at Cuffley again.

New teachers will be in touch about Zoom welcome meetings with their new classes.

Mrs Denise Orhan, who has been our school secretary this year has decided to move into secondary education and we wish her well as she puts her skills to the test with sixth formers in a local school. We are currently recruiting for her replacement.

This is not a year that anyone could ever have predicted and the decisions forced upon us have not been easy. I am sure that September will bring its own challenges, but I am really looking forward to the new academic year and seeing our children back with us full time. It will be an important year for us all and our mantra going forward will be *Every Second Counts* as we will waste no time in ensuring high quality learning and teaching for all of our children, along with support for their mental wellbeing as they return to us.

I can only thank you for your understanding and support, which has been incredible and has made everything so much easier than it might have been.

Keep safe and well.

Warm wishes,

Wendy Wing
Headteacher