

# Sparsholt C. E. Primary School

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**IMPORTANT: Please remember that school will be closed on the 26<sup>th</sup> June for INSET**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With another week passing, things seem to be edging slowly forward in terms of a new kind of normality. We have yet again been impressed with the children both in and out of school, and their level of enthusiasm and creativity in the things they have been doing.

We are sure you will all be aware of Gavin Williamson's announcement that the Government have shelved plans to try and get all primary age pupils back into school before the Summer holidays. At the time of writing, we are currently awaiting further guidance about how we move on from this point. We are hopeful that there may be some flexibility in getting more children back, even if it is perhaps only for a few days at a time, but until we are provided with this guidance we aren't really in a position to change our current arrangements.

In regards to arrangements, the Year 6 pupils deserve real praise for the maturity they have shown this week. Due to more children of our Key Worker parents needing to come back to school, we have had to create another Key Worker bubble. This has sadly meant that we can now only offer our two year 6 bubbles, two days each a week as we need the classroom one of the groups was in (and the teacher) for our new Key Worker group. The children, when they were told of the need for this change, reacted with dignity and grace. They were disappointed but understood why this was necessary and were incredibly grateful that they would still be able to come into school for two days a week. It is a testament to how much they have embraced our core values of courage and compassion.

We are hopeful that by next week, having received the updated guidance, we may have a clearer idea of how we might be able to operate over the next 6 weeks taking into account space and staffing, and we will of course keep you updated of any changes going forward.

We really hope that those of you with children learning at home, enjoy next week's home learning theme – 'Wonderful Water'. If you needed an excuse to head off to the beach, here it is and all in the name of education!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty  
Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher

