

# Honeybourne Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Following the announcement by our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, last night, I am writing to give you our response. I am certain that you will have many questions, as we at school do, and this does need clarification.

Whilst we can clearly see that the government has a plan for a phased return to school, for our children, for the time being there is NO CHANGE to the guidance. Therefore, we will continue to provide care in school for only those children of parents of key workers, in roles critical to the COVID-19 response, where they cannot safely be looked after at home. The message is still that it is safer to stay at home.

We are expecting further information very soon, clarifying the new expectations, so that we can begin to plan for this. At present, we have no further detail. This next phase will be a challenging time for us all and we will need some clear guidance on how it is possible to socially distance in schools, how we might be able to phase in groups of children whilst keeping our children, staff and families safe. This is all alongside a compelling need to ensure the well-being of all concerned and we will pay exceptional attention to the mental health of our children and staff. Please be assured that we will only re-open once we are totally prepared. The health and safety of all concerned is of paramount importance. A safe return to school, relies on ALL families supporting the guidance in place from central government and from school.

The home learning arrangements will stay in place for all families for the time being. Staff are taking great care to provide fun, appropriate and meaningful learning tasks for you to base your home tuition on. We know this is difficult and would urge you to simply do your best. The staff are available by email and many children are now also taking part in zoom conversations!

Should any parent now need to apply for an exceptional school place, please do so by completing and emailing the form available on the school website. If you cannot find this or are not sure if you qualify, please email me at [head@honeybourne.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@honeybourne.worcs.sch.uk) or Mrs Cowley at [office@honeybourne.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@honeybourne.worcs.sch.uk)

Please try not to worry, and stick to the government guidance on social distancing, along with other guidelines to keep you and your families safe. As ever, once we have further detail, we will be in touch again so you can also start your planning process.

I will be in touch again soon, in the meantime, take care and enjoy your family time.

Kind regards,  
Elaine Huntington  
HEADTEACHER

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