

17/7/20

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe. As you're likely aware, the government has announced that schools should fully reopen from the start of the upcoming autumn term. This means we are planning to open to all of our pupils in September. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 1st September**, and we are working hard to make the school a safe, enjoyable environment. Children attending Nursery and Reception will begin on Monday 7th of September as they will be invited to meet with their class teachers prior to starting either the new academic year or their Herrick Journey – letters to be sent out closer to start date.

I have no doubt that you have numerous questions and concerns in-relation to children returning to school. Therefore each Friday before commencement of the autumn term there will be a weekly update on our school website with relevant information that will help support your understanding of the measures the school will put into place.

We are going to commit time during September to ensuring that routines, expectations, standards, relationships and values are quickly re-established. At Herrick we will be focusing on 3 key priorities – Safety, Pastoral Care and Curriculum (each priority is then linked to 3 specific types of support). See diagram below:

		Key Priorities		
		Safety	Pastoral Care	Curriculum
		 <p>Planned opportunities to ensure all children are aware of the routines and procedures in school that are there to keep them safe.</p>	 <p>A focus on the child's well-being and the emotional impact of the pandemic and period of absence.</p>	 <p>Amending the curriculum offer so that any negative impact on attainment and progress can be addressed as soon as possible.</p>
Support	Support for All	Elements of provision that are available and appropriate to all children in school (relevant to year group)		
	Focused support	Additional measures for groups of children that can be delivered through class provision or additional family contact		
	Targeted support	Specific support for individual or families, often using external agencies		

Also, please do refer to our Summer Learning Package, as you may be limited on what you can do over the summer weeks and to support children in their preparation for the new term - a range of activities and resources have been put together for specific year groups (this includes support for Yr6 transition).

We are extremely grateful for all the support we have received from the school community. We'll continue to keep in touch and provide weekly updates to our plans.

Take care and stay safe.

Mr U Patel
Headteacher