

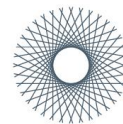


# Alban Wood Primary School and Nursery

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26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents

The Government's plan at the moment is for all children to return to school in September, this is the news we have been waiting to hear for many months. Therefore, we are planning on opening the school to all pupils (Y1-6) on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (Nursery and Reception children have their own start dates). If anything changes with this, we will inform you.

Currently, we only have a limited number of children in school. There are many restrictions in place and therefore we are unable to carry out our transition morning like we usually do. Normally, all children would have a morning session with their new teacher in their new classroom. Therefore, to replicate this as closely as possible, teachers will create a welcome video for their new class to watch. These videos will be available on the website <https://www.albanwood.herts.sch.uk/children/transition/> for you and your child to watch so that they will see their new teacher and know some of the routines and procedures for that class.

During the transition morning, teachers often ask the children to do some transition work, this will be the same this year; you will find this work on the same page of the website as the video. We know how difficult this term has been. You will find this transition video and task on your child's new classes' page on the website on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. For example, Year 5 will need to look on the Year 6 page for their video and work.

We have had to follow strict Government guidance and as a result many children have been working from home. Therefore, in addition to the transition work, we will be setting a couple of tasks for the children to complete over the summer. More information will follow. We hope that this will support the children over the summer break and will aid their return for September.

As I have said, this year has been extremely difficult for schools but we also understand how difficult it has been for parents. Many of you have been trying to juggle working from home yourself with carrying out home learning. We know how difficult this has been for you and we hope that the home learning the teachers have produced helped. We also know that this home learning has not been the same as the children being in school. The teachers and subject coordinators have been working on our recovery curriculum to begin in September. We have been mapping the core skills that will need revisiting next year and changing the curriculum to ensure your child has support where needed. Thank you all for being so understanding during these very difficult times and hopefully we will be able to return to something close to normal in September.

Please see the School Arrangements letter so that you know which class your child will be moving to in September. We hope you all have a great summer break and we are looking forward to seeing you all back in September.

Yours sincerely

Paul Sutton  
*Executive Headteacher*