

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you, your family and friends well.

I would like to thank every single member of our Hart family. Your patience, commitment and steadfast support during this difficult time has been unwavering.

You will have received the letter from the Trust explaining the next steps for Hart Primary School. I am sure that you will agree that they have the safety of our pupils, staff and community at the heart of their decision making. As stated, school are taking a measured response to the guidelines and I will update you with additional information and how this reopening will be structured in the context of Hart Primary School when I am in a position to do so. We are eager to see the children learning and having fun in our classrooms once again!

The week commencing **June 1<sup>st</sup>** we will continue to be open for children of Critical Workers. In order to use the service this week, please complete and return the booking form, which will be sent in the usual way, to the [info@hartelwickfedartion.org.uk](mailto:info@hartelwickfedartion.org.uk) account **by 3.00pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May** to enable us to staff this service appropriately. If you are unsure if you are classed as a critical worker, please refer to the attached link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>. If you do fall into the critical worker category, whether you have been accessing a place or not, can I urge you to complete the survey, which the Trust sent in their correspondence, so that we can plan for the provision of critical work children from June 8<sup>th</sup> as this will impact on other provision.

In the meantime, can we ask that all parents ensure that all contact details and medical information are shared with school.

We are still awaiting the Government Guidance for EYFS and for this reason, school are planning to continue to provide provision for critical workers and planning of opening to **Y1 pupils from June 8<sup>th</sup>**. Year 1 parents/carers will receive additional information the week commencing June 1<sup>st</sup>.

After the return of Year 1, we will then evaluate and notify Reception and Nursery children of their start date. We are endeavouring to open as soon as we can for Reception and Nursery. At the moment, we are unsure whether we will be able to safely accommodate the return of Y6 pupils.

Sadly, we understand that this has been a very difficult time for some families and some have seen a change in family and personal circumstances. If you would like to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the Benefits Team at Hartlepool Borough Council on 01429 284188 or contact school and we will support in any way we can.

At this time of year, I would usually be writing my Head Teacher newsletter wishing you all a fun filled half term and celebrating the completion of Y6 SATs. Whatever the circumstances, we are proud of each Y6's hard work and commitment to all aspects of school life during their time with us.

School is closed for the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> May to enable us to ensure that the necessary health and safety measures are in place for a planned opening. During this period, staff will not be responding to non-urgent emails, sending their weekly newsletters or Facebook posts. However, as always, safeguarding is paramount and we will continue to respond to any safeguarding issues promptly.

In the following weeks, you will be receiving your child's annual report. A letter will accompany the report explaining its content. The reports will be emailed to each parent separately. To facilitate this, the reports will be sent over a period of weeks so please don't worry if one sibling or child in the class receives their report at a different time.

Hart school is rich in history and we are privileged to have many historical logs and school documents from over the years. The children and staff working in school have been creating their own record book of this significant period of history. Here are some photos of their wonderful work. If your children would like to send in a description of what they have been doing at home or how they are feeling, please feel free to send it to the [info.hartelwickfederation.org.uk](mailto:info.hartelwickfederation.org.uk) email and we will try our best to pop it in our book.



I am sure you will join school in sending our best wishes to Mrs Thompson (SENDCO, at St Peter's, Elwick and Hart Primary School) as she commences her maternity leave. If you have any queries which are SEND related please do not hesitate to contact Assistant Head Teachers, Miss Leighton and Mrs Wilson.

Once again, I would like to thank you for support and wish you a peaceful half term and, hopefully, the sun will continue shine upon us.

Please take care and be safe,

Mrs Hill.