Dear Parents and Carers, Children and Families,

I hope this letter finds you keeping safe and staying well.

As you all know, from today, non-essential retail has been allowed to re-open. As a country, it is clear that 'normality is trying to be

resumed'.

However, I remain concerned about the

importance of social distancing measures remaining a vital part of daily life, as well as the additional hygiene practices, like regular hand washing continuing to be an essential part of our daily routines. I know you will all agree, it is so important we continue to follow government advice to continue to keep our families, friends and community safe.

This week, Year 6 children have continued to come back into school.

They have had another wonderful week in school, with the sound of their laughter heard around school. This is something I have missed so much in school since the start of the lockdown period.

As I have said to you before, it still feels very strange and 'uncomfortable' for me not to be allowing all children to come back to school.

I have now reviewed the plan regarding the extension of pupil numbers in school together with the Governing Body. I will be issuing details regarding this plan this coming week via a video for all of you to watch. This way, I can explain the reason for our next phase decision and the specific details you will need to know. WATCH THIS SPACE!

As always, please rest assured, as we have looked at the next phase of the planning process, I have continued to do what I feel is right and in the best interests of the children, parents, families and the staff.

As you are fully aware, I remain hopeful and in great anticipation of the day we can open the doors of Wren's Nest again, to all of our children, parents and wider community and welcome you back with open arms, but, I will only do this when it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Just like in this image, my hope of the children being all back at school is hiding behind the clouds - I can see it I just can't get to it yet.



Thank you for the on-going support you as parents have continued to demonstrate during this really strange and unusual time.







Mrs Parkes' ideas for the week:

- Go on a bug hunt outdoors or in your garden. What kind of bugs can you \odot find? Search the internet to find out about different bugs and insects and what kind of foods they eat. Can you find any caterpillars? If you can make sure they have got some juicy leaves to eat!
- \odot Draw a picture of a caterpillar. Can you cut it out, following the outline with care? Can you decorate it using something you have at home - paints, pens, crayons, pencil crayons or collage? Can you label the parts of a caterpillar by researching this on the internet?









Parent Hub!

Please, if you are not on Parent Hub, download the FREE App on your phone today! Please scan the QR code using your camera device on your phone and it will take you directly to the link for the app.

It is an excellent way to keep up to date with everything that is happening at Wren's Nest, particularly at this difficult time.

It will suggest ideas for you to do at home as well as keep you updated with key information from school.



I thought I would remind you of some of the activities that we are doing online to support you at home during

these unprecedented times. The school website is www.wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk

The activities on our website include:

- NEW!! Fitness challenges 'Football Fitness' featuring some Year 6 children to help us stay fit and healthy!
- New!! Listening to stories grown-ups have read Chapter 8 and 9 from The Beast of Buckingham Palace
- Magic Mathematicians lots of activities for you to complete at home
- New!! Get cooking tasty recipes for you to follow at home and to share with the whole family
- Super Scientists Lots of experiments for you to try at home
- Listen to message from your teachers

We really do hope you take part in and enjoy them!

As always, it remains very important that we continue to support our families during this very uncertain time.

Our school mobile phone is continuing to be held either by myself or another member of the Senior Leadership Team and is a way of contacting us, should you need to, so we can provide you with appropriate help and assistance.

The mobile number is: 07858 986604

Take care of yourselves, **PLEASE remember** we are here if you need us.

This uncertain time <u>will</u> come to an end.





Love, Mrs Parkes x