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## **Update from Mr Brearey 13.5.2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought it would be best to write to you all to update you on the current position in both schools. Following Sunday evening's announcement (and subsequent Government guidance documents published on Monday and Tuesday) I have been working hard with both Mrs Herriott (Brampton) and Mr Pullen (Bridstow) to develop a manageable model for the suggested return of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children on, or after, 1<sup>st</sup> June. It is most likely that both schools will operate separately from this time.

We await further more detailed guidance from both the Local Authority and the Government prior to finalising plans for this return. Our paramount concern is to ensure a safe return for all of our children and staff. However, I think we will have to realise that in spite of our best efforts 4,5 and 6 year olds will find social distancing and careful hand hygiene more challenging than Year 6 upon return. We will do our very best to ensure that systems and organisation are in place to facilitate the safest possible return to school in the transition period suggested by the Government.

### **Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 parents and carers**

Prior to the potential return of children in these year groups, it would facilitate both schools' planning to get an idea of which children will or will not be returning to school should we open on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Please complete the online questionnaire following the link below. It will really help for us to plan effectively for the safest possible return to school for both children and staff:

BRAMPTON ABBOTTS LINK: <https://bit.ly/2WU4k7y>

BRIDSTOW LINK: <https://bit.ly/2Lmlcyi>

### **Home Learning**

It is highly likely that following our potential return to a 'phased return' to schooling we will begin to step down our home-learning offering across all year groups. All staff will be needed in school to ensure the safety of the groups that the government have asked us to accommodate. We hope to be able to continue to offer some form of home-learning, but not on the same level as we are able to offer currently. We are incredibly proud of what we have been able to offer as schools to date for home-learning. We hope you understand this decision to balance the work-load of our staff.

### **Key Worker and Vulnerable child care**

Both schools will be continuing to offer in-school education for a small number of key worker and vulnerable families. I continue to be in contact with these families on a weekly basis to ensure we can offer suitable cover. Should you feel that your family now qualifies for this care and you have yet to use this service, please contact me directly on: [dbrearey@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:dbrearey@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk) or reply directly to one of the school texts or emails and we will get in touch to arrange days and times.



## Thank you

I fully appreciate everything that our families have had to contend with over the past few months. I would like to say a big thank you for everything that you are doing and continue to do with home-learning (on top of managing work, home, children etc). We realise that home-learning is a challenge and as more children return to school, our staff may not always be on hand to offer the support and feedback they are giving at the moment, so please feel free to find suitable alternatives to the work set. The BBC have daily learning which is easily accessible and well-explained.

I hope to be able to write to you again shortly to share with you our proposals for the potential return of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This will certainly be before half term (25.5.20 to 29.5.20) when both schools will be closed for the week.

Thank you all again for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Brearey'.

Dan Brearey  
Headteacher