



HARROWBARROW SCHOOL

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Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the announcement last week, that schools will be unable to reopen to all pupils before the summer holiday, I want to set out the next steps for Harrowbarrow.

The government has recognised that schools do not have the physical or staffing capacity to open for all pupils, whilst keeping group numbers below 15. We always recognised this aspiration would be virtually impossible to implement. However, we want to do all we can to support our children's education. Therefore, it is our intention to try and open the school to more year groups at some point, whilst maintaining the protective measures we have established for the EYFS, Y1 and Y6 groups currently attending school. To help us plan this next phase, I am now asking parents and carers of children in Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 to contact me by Friday 19th June, indicating whether you would consider sending your children back before the end of term if places were made available. Once we have an idea of the likely numbers, we can plan accordingly. Please note, it is very unlikely that all year groups will be able to return this term, for which I apologise now, but feel sure you understand this.

Any decision you make now does not have to be a firm commitment either way, so please do not worry that you may change your mind later on. To help with your decision, we have uploaded all our documents for the first phase of school re-opening on to the website. You may view these through the 'parent' tab and opening the 'phased re-opening of school' folder. Please also contact me if you have any queries:

head@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

Pastoral Support

As promised, I have uploaded another video message to the children in the 'latest news' section of the website; I don't think Hollywood directors will be lining up to recruit my services but I hope it helps the children in some small way. There is also a lovely video, with contributions from the children, on the Class 3 webpage.

School meals

Whilst the logistical challenge of providing a hot meal at school, which the children would have to eat in their classrooms, is too great at the moment, we aim to start providing a school packed lunch by the end of June. We hope this will help our families whose children are entitled to a



Universal Infant Free School Meal. The catering team are currently planning for this and I will share revised menus and details in due course.

Planning for September

As I am sure you understand, any planning for September is currently subject to guidance and restrictions which may or not be enforced at that time. Ordinarily, at this time of year, we are enjoying a number of activities which celebrate our Y6 pupils' time at the school and prepare all our children for transition to their new groups. Obviously, none of this is possible at the moment and planning for the future is very challenging. We will try, where we can, to give you and your children as much notice as possible when we are able to make decisions for September.

Summer holiday

The government has announced proposals to run summer holiday catch-up programmes for pupils who have missed out on education. I have no further details at this stage, but want to make my position clear early on; I will not be asking staff to keep the school open over the summer holiday as we really do need a break.

Music

Our guitar teacher, Harvey James, is selling his old clarinet. If your child is learning this instrument and you are interested in buying them a clarinet, please contact Harvey:

harveyacoustics@gmail.com

Mrs Lane has uploaded a new selection of activities for the children to enjoy at home on the music page of the website. She hopes the children enjoyed doing those uploaded last week.

Useful email contacts

Free School Meal vouchers: emoyle@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

Safeguarding, Child Protection & school provision requests: head@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

Pastoral support: abinicolle@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

I apologise for the technical issues which hampered your access to last week's letter; maybe the devices I have been using have worn themselves out over the last two months. If you experience similar problems in the future, I post all letters in the 'latest news' section of the website.

Thank you for your ongoing support and take care.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Hunt