



19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### Glendale Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another positive week in school, the weather has been a little more mixed. We have also had a few more Reception children return and some new Key Worker children come in too. Please can I remind you, if you think you are a Key Worker you need to get in touch with us and we require you to provide us with a letter from your employer, before your child can return, we also reserve the right to contact your employer to check out the information.

The government have talked about allowing schools the flexibility to welcome more children back, during the rest of the summer term, if we can. We have had a few more queries this week from Year 1 and Year 2 parents. As much as we would love to welcome back all children, with the government guidance of bubbles of no more than 15 children, we just do not have the space. Schools have to prioritise Key Worker and vulnerable children, as has been the government/DfE line from the start of partial closure, so with 2 bubbles currently and the potential need to open a third very soon, our available space is used up.

We await further guidance from the government on what September will be like for schools and we understand there will be an imminent announcement regarding the summer school schemes, we will share this with you once we know anything. Schools will close over the summer holiday period to allow for rest and recovery.



FSM vouchers – There was some good news on Tuesday, the government announced that they would continue with the FSM vouchers over the summer holiday. School will ensure if you have registered, you will receive vouchers for the holiday and for those children who have been attending school these will be available to you too. Some parents have said they registered for FSM some time ago, we can only release vouchers once we have been informed by Gov.uk, so can only send them out once we receive notification and cannot back date them.

Please remember if you need any support or advice you can phone school and either the class teacher or Mrs Lapworth can call you back and offer this.

## HOME LEARNING RESOURCES

**Picture News: This weeks theme is 'Zoos'.**

Children>Home Learning>Picture news

We have just added the EYFS Picture News to our subscription, so as soon as this is available to us, we will post both on the website weekly. The theme is the same, it is the activities that are slightly different, so you will be able to choose which ones are most appropriate for your child.

The weekly home learning sheets have been added to the website too:

Children>Home Learning

PLEASE do check our school website regularly. We put up lots of new information and resources. These can be found primarily by going to these areas:

Parents>Letters

Parents>Useful links

Children>Home Learning

News & Events > Newsletters

Thank you all for your ongoing support and understanding in what are challenging times. We, like you, are keen for some sort of normality and to be able to have, ultimately, all children back in.

Take care.

Very best wishes,

*Louise Hopkins*