

# The Coppice Primary School

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**Sorry - we are full!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are still greatly missing school as it was at the start of the year, buzzing with all of our children.

I do not think that it surprises anybody who works in a primary school that the government has backed down on expecting all year groups to be back in school before the start of the summer break. Logistically, given the health and safety measures we have had to put in place, we are at capacity and would be stretched to find the staffing and space for more children, given the restrictions that are in place at the moment.

We appreciate that many parents and children will be disappointed at not being able to return before September. It is a truly awful situation that we have little control over. We have been getting more requests for places for children and it is frustrating that we cannot meet this demand. So, to bring clarity to the situation, for the record, **we cannot accept any more children this side of September** (however, though there are no guarantees, parents are free to request a place on our ever-growing waiting list).

Because of this, if circumstances change at any time for the parents of children attending school at the moment, then we would appreciate them relinquishing their child's place, allowing for another child to take up the place (there is some demand).

As we have said before, we are already doing more in terms of provision than many, if not most schools (still, around 50% of schools are not open nationally, and only 11% of primary pupils nationally are in school (The Coppice is accommodating around 25%)).

We have had so much positive feedback about our online learning system. Obviously, this will continue for those children at home (and be used as the basis for work in school).

The above to one side, we would like to create some sort of transition session for each and every child, allowing them to say a proper goodbye to their existing teacher and meet their new teacher (for September). This will take place in the last week of term (week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July) - more information to come. Even though this will take a bit of careful managing (taking 'covid-logistics' into account), we thought this was an important thing to do for all of our children, bringing some sort of closure to the year and ensuring they are better prepared for the year to come.

## **School reports:**

As a footnote, I thought it would be worth saying something about school reports. Given the restrictions there have been around schooling this year, it would be difficult to produce anything like the comprehensive report we usually give, which is unfortunate. However, though some schools are not bothering, we felt there should be something. Accordingly, a report for each child will come home ('electronically', where we have an email address), though this will be a much slimmed-down report.

We are very much looking forward to things being on track in September and seeing you all again.

Yours sincerely

Bill Heptinstall

Headteacher