Dear Parents

This has been an extraordinary year in every sense. COVID 19 has had an enormous impact on all our lives, and for schools to be shut for such a long time for ‘normal business’ has caused a lot of upset and worry. We hope you are well, and we also hope that during this time our efforts to keep in contact with all our families has been helpful and of benefit to you.

We have actually been open every day since March, including the Easter and May holidays, as well as both bank holidays. Whilst this has principally been for key worker children, it has also enabled us to be a point of contact each day for parents in need of help and advice.

We are very proud of the daily online learning tasks that teachers posted each day for the children, but nothing can replace the interaction in class that a school provides. Returning to school, step by step, will be a daunting task for some children and we will offer whatever assistance that we can to make this easier and less stressful.

We currently have approximately 200 children attending across all our school years from Nursery to year 6, and the children have settled back in very well. For most years, this has had to be organised with one week in school and one week at home. For the Senior Management Team, the ability for all years to return before September has been an equal opportunities issue, and I am delighted that the take up has been very positive. For those families who felt it better to keep their child at home, we hope that the paper packs have been useful and a welcome change from constant screen time.

We are ready to open fully in September if we get the green light from the government. We have robust plans which we will share with you when we can.

We will be in contact with you in August with more details to confirm when and how school will reopen.
New children starting in Nursery & Reception

We are delighted that our Nursery and Reception are now full for September. Normally parents and children would have had an opportunity to pop along and see what school is like. We have created videos for parents and children which shows what life is like for our youngest learners, and we invite all families who are new to school to share these at home.

Nursery and Reception will open gradually at the start of September, and additional details are being provided to these families.

New staff

We have 2 new members of staff joining us in September:

Miss Bradney in Reception and Mr Stables in year 3.

We are delighted to welcome them to school.

Classes for September

Below you will see the new teachers and classes for next year.

Miss Prajapati will be our Nursery teacher, and Mrs Southall and Miss Bradney will be our Reception teachers. Mrs Khan and Mr Taylor will provide PPA cover for school. Mr Gales will release Mrs Judd in the afternoons to focus on teaching the Arts.

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Meet your new teacher

All teachers will be posting a welcome message online shortly with a message for their new class. Please watch this with your child and you are always welcome to contact school with any questions which you may have.
All schools have to say goodbye to some teachers at this time of the year. Miss Buckman is heading back to Bristol to teach. We are extremely grateful for all that she has done for the children and we know she will stay in touch with us.

**Safeguarding Concerns**

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please make contact with any of our 3 safeguarding leaders:

Mrs Ward - s.ward@acocksgreen.bham.sch.uk **Safeguarding Lead**

Mrs Liversidge - p.liversidge@acocksgreen.bham.sch.uk **Safeguarding Lead**

Miss Waters - j.waters@acocksgreen.bham.sch.uk **Safeguarding Lead**

**End of year reports**

We are very keen to provide all our children with an end of year report. This will obviously be based on 2 terms out of 3, but it will provide an opportunity to reflect on all the qualities that make our children special. These will be posted out to all families in July.

**A promise to year 6**

We will be very sad to see our current year 6 leave without a proper send off. I have already made a promise that as soon as is possible and safe, we shall organise a return day to include a graduation and prom in the evening. They have been an absolutely fantastic year, with excellent behaviour and manners, and our loss is a huge gain to all the lucky schools which will welcome them in September.
The dates below are *provisional* term dates for the next academic year:

**Autumn Term 2020**
- Tuesday 1 September – Training day 1
- Wednesday 2 September – Children back to school
- Monday 7 September—Start of staggered Reception intake
- Monday 14 September—Start of staggered Nursery intake
- Friday 23 October – Children break up
- Monday 2 November – Back to school
- Friday 18 December – Break up for Christmas

**Spring Term 2021**
- Monday 4 January – Back to school
- Friday 12 February – Break up for half-term
- Monday 22 February – Back to school
- Thursday 1 April – Break up for Easter

**Summer Term 2021**
- Monday 19 April – Back to school
- **Monday 3 May - Bank holiday - school closed**
- Thursday 27 May – Children break up
- Friday 28 May – Training Day 2
- Monday 7 June – Back to school
- Friday 16 July – Children break up
- Monday 19 July – Training day 3
- Tuesday 20 July - Training Day 4
- Wednesday 21 July – Training Day 5
Let's Have A GREAT Summer