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Dear Parents/Carers

Being Prepared for Further Delays in Reopening (YR, Y1 and Y6)

I am sure you have seen in local news and on social media that there has been a recent spike of Covid-19 cases in Weston General Hospital and that is not currently admitting new patients.

On Friday night last week all schools in North Somerset were advised by the local authority to delay reopening until 8th June, at the earliest, in light of this situation.

I am therefore writing to explain the possible impact this will have on Banwell's plans to reopen to other year groups (Reception, Year 1 and Year 6) in order to assist your own planning and preparation.

This does not affect the provision already in place and booked for the vulnerable and keyworker children.

For Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 previous communication indicated that we would be inviting them to return to school from the week beginning Monday 8th June. However, given the latest information about the rise in cases in North Somerset, the reopening of Banwell School to these year groups may be delayed. We await further guidance about this from the local authority.

We will be monitoring the situation closely over the next few days and will be consulting with colleagues in North Somerset, other local schools and Multi Academy Trusts. A final decision regarding whether we will be reopening to the pupils in the specified year groups (YR, Y1 and Y6) from Monday 8th June will hopefully be able to be made on Thursday 4th June. I will obviously communicate this to parents as soon as I am able to. The school will only reopen to pupils (other than Key Worker & Vulnerable children) when it is deemed safe to do so.

Home Learning for Other Year Groups

I also want to update those parents whose children are in the year groups not yet due to attend (Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5).

Year 2 parents have received a separate email this morning about their home learning for this term.

Year 3, 4 and 5 teachers have planned a joint project for their home learning based on traditional fairytales. The project is called 'Happy Ever After?' and is a project that has been enjoyed by children in past because it looks at alternative versions of all the well known fairytales and includes writing their own alternative story and creating a shadow puppet performance of their own play they have written. The science curriculum relates to light and sound and the project also involves research into the history of animated film. It will be live on ESchools tomorrow (Wednesday) and it is to use in conjunction with Oak Academy lessons.

Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 teachers will all be involved, on a daily basis, in planning and teaching the children who have returned to school (YR, Y1 and Y6). This is because the children will be in pods of no more than 8 children. However, they still look forward to communication with their own classes by email and on ESchools. There may however be more of a delay on reply to emails. If you would like to talk to your class teacher please email to let them know that is the case and they will get back to you as soon as possible.



Thank you for your continued support and co-operation during these challenging and unprecedented times. I know the current situation is incredibly hard to manage for so many people.

Take care,

Claire Pocock
Headteacher

Malcolm Davey
Chair of Governors

