



18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### COVID 19 – Staffing Update – Year 3

Many thanks to all parents and children in Year 3 for your support and for keeping in touch with us during the recent period that has seen Year 3 closed to children and staff, following Mr Whitty's positive test for coronavirus. We are pleased to say that Mr Whitty is making good progress, is on the way back to full health and we anticipate him being in school to celebrate the return of your children on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**.

To enable a smooth return for Mr Whitty and your children, we plan for him to join his class at key points of the day on Friday. In between this Mr Whitty will be taking time out to meet with each of the children in the class to relight relationships, catch-up, listen to and celebrate the way in which everyone has managed during what we recognise will have been an unusual time in so many ways. To enable this, Mrs Sue Brown, who has been supporting children's learning in Key Stage 1 recently will be leading learning in the class for the day to enable Mr Whitty to spend his time in this way.

Your engagement with us and with each other has been so welcoming to experience and to hear about over the last week or so. We recognise the challenge that learning 'remotely' presents and are pleased that you will have engaged with opportunities for your children provided on our website, in whatever way this has felt comfortable for you. Some of you have even been getting together 'beyond school' thanks to parent Emma Fancett who you will have heard from through her message via School Gateway on Monday.

We know that, however it looked, your children will have received the very best of your care and consideration in so many ways during their time away from school. We are very respectful of this in such trying times. Incidentally, Emma tells us that there may be a special event connected to the new Newton Abbot museum available to parents later this week – just check out her message from Monday and follow the link to find out more if you are interested.

It's so pleasing to know that the school community will soon be reunited and once again we thank you, again, for your patience and support.

Should you have any queries about your child's return to school, remote learning or any other aspects of school life at the moment please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in the usual ways.

Yours sincerely,

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