



13th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Foundation Stage Update

Many thanks for the understanding shown last Friday, when for the first time in our Haytor View memories (and we've been here a while!), we had to close our F1 provision due to challenges with staffing levels.

As the letter last week explained, this was the result of a 'perfect storm' of a relatively low level of staff illness coupled with an unusual inability to access support from supply staff due to the many and varied impact of COVID-19. Many were booked due to challenges being faced by schools across the county, together with a shortage in supply as many were self-isolating, perhaps as a result of working in many different school settings.

Today, Tuesday we welcome Miss Butler back to the Foundation Stage – the children will be less confused when they see her standing on the gate instead of Mr Hampton!

Unfortunately, Miss Loffhouse will not be joining us until next Tuesday as she is one of many people across the country needing to self-isolate. Having been helped by family during a period of ill health last week, Miss Loffhouse received the news that her mum had tested positive for COVID over the weekend – be assured that mum is well and not suffering any symptoms.

With this in mind, we expect to see Miss Loffhouse return next Tuesday 20th July – she is well and is testing negative for COVID. By way of assurance, Jade's contact with her mum occurred during her period of absence from school so there need be no concerns around provision here at Haytor View.

COVID-related closure of Key Stage 1

You may have heard that today we have sadly had to close Years 1 and 2, with all children and staff being directed to self-isolate for 10 days. This will see children and staff return on Friday 23rd July.

While this is such unfortunate news we are grateful to the family of Lucy Hewitt, who having had contact with a family member a week previous to hearing they had been diagnosed with COVID, undertook precautionary PCR tests which identified a symptom-less Lucy as positive. Their contact with school throughout the process, including early this morning has enabled us to ensure that we have followed guidance provided to schools at every stage.

We attach a letter for you providing the formal guidance relating to the situation – it provides useful links and information. Be assured that siblings of children in Key Stage 1 should continue coming to school unless they show symptoms of COVID or receive a positive test result. You will have received a separate letter if your child is one of those impacted by this closure.

Yours sincerely

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