

Amble First School

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Dear Parents\Carers,

Can I start by saying a big thank you to you all for the support and understanding we have received throughout the pandemic. It has helped enormously with the challenge of managing the school at this time. The staff and governors have worked hard to support learning both in and out of school and I am really proud of the community effort and spirit with which we have faced these challenges. Go, Amble First School!

The government has revised their ambition for schools to welcome back all year groups before the summer term. The social distancing measures in place allow for class groups of eight pupils to safely work around the school. We have seen an increase at Amble First School of key worker pupils returning which has filled up our class groups. For these reasons we will not be able to safely manage the return of year two, year three or year four. Mrs Hunter is sending a separate letter to year four parents with details of some exciting transition sessions.

For all children who remain at home, WE MISS YOU! We would love to welcome you all back but we are committed to keeping pupils safe at this time. You are all our homeschooling heroes and we are constantly surprised and delighted by what you continue to achieve and share with us. Our homeschooling support will continue until the last day of term, so stick in, keep working hard and know that we appreciate the efforts you are going to.

The staff are busy completing end of year reports for every pupil and gathering school books together so that you can reflect and remember the good times you had over this school year. We are welcoming all pupils and parents to come and collect these on:

Monday 6th July: Nursery and Reception

Mrs Donaldson will send out a separate letter to new to Reception and new to Nursery parents.19

Tuesday 7th July: Year One

Wednesday 8th July: Year Three

Thursday 9th July: Year Four

Friday 10th July: Year Two

Please don't drop in at any time on these dates. To avoid a group gathering your class teacher will be making a phone call to your home, week beginning Monday 29th June, to arrange a time on the above date for you to come to school.

Your class teacher will meet you outside with your report and books and your new class teacher will also be on hand to say hello.

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Teacher Transition Takeover!

In September, your child will move to their new year group:

Reception: Mrs Donaldson

Year One: Mr Wonders

Year Two: Miss Gascoigne- Owens

Year Three: Mrs Forsey\ Mrs Graham

Year Four: Mrs Hunter

Please be reassured that we will be making adjustments to the curriculum and our timetable to take into account the wide ranging effects of the pandemic. Your pupils happiness remains our priority and supporting pupils to develop their enthusiasm and stamina for school will be key. This term, all staff have undertaken mental health training to further develop our skills in caring for our pupils. We have already started planning for the new academic year considering how to best assess and support the range of abilities in each class. Transition talks between staff members have begun and we have put together the following activities so that the new class teacher is ready to welcome your child in September:

Week one 29.6.2020

The teachers are going to take over our school facebook page, google classroom and our school website. Watch out for teacher introductions and pupil tasks from their new class teacher.

Week Two 6.7.2020

Your current class teacher is going to call (wb 29.6.2020) to arrange an appointment time for you to collect your end of term report and school books. You will also have an opportunity to meet your new class teacher and we will require you to complete an updated contact information sheet.

Week Three 13.7.2020

Check out the class pages on our school website for more information about your new class. We will use this time to arrange any further follow up appointments with new class teachers. Parents of SEND pupils will be invited to discuss support plans for the new academic year.

Thank you for your continued support,

Helen Bruce