

# Partial Re-Opening Newsletter 9



**Week beginning 8th June 2020**

## Dear families...

We welcome a growing number of children on Monday and are really looking forward to seeing them in school. We have 40 children from Year 6 arriving back and a growing number of key worker children in school.

In many respects, the past few weeks have been some of the most challenging times any of us in education have had to deal with: the complexity of reopening a school to wider year groups, in the face of constantly changing guidance; preparing the site; writing detailed risk assessments and training up staff on the new protocols have all been large barriers to overcome but I am delighted to say that we got there in the end.

During this last week the atmosphere in school has been calm and positive and this has really stood out - this is thanks to our wonderfully dedicated teams, including: Teachers, Teaching Assistants, and Lunchtime Staff. Every member of staff across our school have put children first and worked relentlessly to ensure that we can begin this phased reopening. It is worth however, paying particular attention to a number of key roles that have ensured that Rednal was able to operate to the best of its ability - the Senior Leadership Team has carried an enormous burden of pressure in readying school and have worked around the clock to enable our school to be as safe as possible. The Pastoral Team have worked tirelessly to ensure families are supported. Our Site Team have also done a fantastic job in co-ordinating the reopening and preparation of the site - this has been a huge job and they have simply been superb. Mary, our Kitchen Supervisor has fed all of us through thick and thin (we don't know what we would have done without her) and the Office Team have been 'the glue' and held it all together for us. Thanks also need to be paid to a very supportive, informed and understanding Governing Body.

Finally, it is also important that we take the time to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding through this time. Those parents that have chosen to send their children into school, have played a huge part in helping us all to create a calm and happy atmosphere for every child. This coming week will see us welcome Year 6 children back to school, and we envisage that this will run as smoothly as it has for the children who have been with us throughout the school closure weeks. Across this period of time we have constantly reflected, reviewed and amended our procedures, and we believe that over time as we welcome children back, we will be as well placed as we possibly can be for when schools eventually reopen fully. Please know that we will continue to do everything we can behind the scenes to support all families at this time. Full government guidance for you can be found here: [Reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june](#)

## Year 6 families

For Year 6 families that initially indicated a 'no' response for their child returning, please note that **if you wish your child to return that we now require at least 2 working days notice. We'd like to reiterate that in no circumstance should children arrive at school if the school has not given prior notice that a place is available.** The place allocation is carefully planned so that the numbers of pupils within classes fall in line with our risk assessment. **Additional returning Year 6 children are unlikely to be placed in pods with usual classmates and teachers, as these are already at full capacity.** Going forward, it is envisaged that if Year 6 numbers increase beyond what they are now, then Year 6 children will not be able to attend school full-time.

## Return to school video

Mrs. Tilley, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Allan (Technical Wiz) have made a ['return to school video'](#) to highlight to incoming children and parents what to expect on their return.

## Transition—moving up to the next year group

New classes for September 2020 (academic year 2020-2021) will be published in the next couple of weeks. The incoming Year 2 children and families will be first to receive this information and an accompanying Year 2 transition video. Year 3, 4 and 5 children will also be able to access a Teacher transition video that will aim to support their transition to their new class in the cur-

rent circumstances.

Year 6 children and families can expect to receive contact from Secondary Schools over the coming weeks (if they haven't already done so) and our Year 6 & Pastoral Team staff are working with Secondary colleagues to aim to ensure that information is shared with new schools and that enhanced transition opportunities are provided for children where possible.

### School Office

If you wish to speak to someone in school, you will need to phone the school office or email via the office email. Sadly this means we will not be able, for the moment, to welcome you into the school building.

E-mail: [enquiry@rednalhilljuniors.com](mailto:enquiry@rednalhilljuniors.com)

Telephone: 0121 453 2520

### Home Learning Projects

During our partial reopening, the learning projects will continue for children not at school, the 'Home Learning Project Team' will consist of: Y6-Mr. Hewitt, Y5-Mrs. Hughes, Y4-Mrs. Judd & Y3-Mrs. Fisher. The learning projects will be renewed on the first Monday of each week of this final half-term.

- [Clicking here for Y3 & Y4](#)
- [Clicking here for Y5 & Y6](#)

### Home Learning pictures & videos

Please also keep sending in any home learning pictures or videos for our newsletter/website to [enquiry@rednalhilljuniors.com](mailto:enquiry@rednalhilljuniors.com). To help us identify this work, please mark the subject as 'Home Learning'. **Please note that pictures sent in may well find their way onto the school's website or newsletter with children's names etc.** If you'd like to send in pictures of home learning but don't want your child's details attached to the picture, can you please specify this in the e-mail.

## What's been happening at home?



Poppy & Rose



Reece



Sophie



Amelia

Amelia's been learning about chocolate!

Sophie's made Mr Hewitt's Mexican Bean Burger recipe for her English (and D&T!) She said "They were delicious!"



Ollie

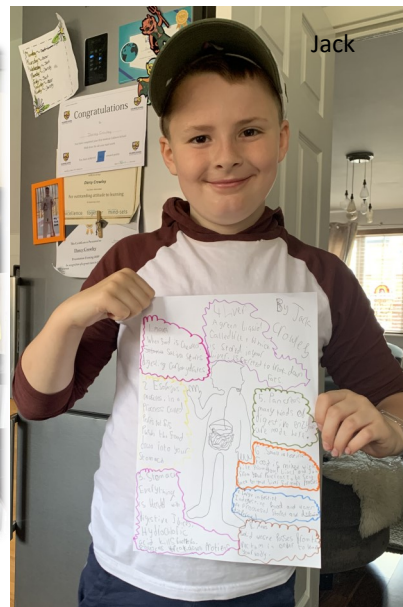


Maddison

Maddison has been practising her sewing!



Happy birthday Kaydi!



Jack