



20th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to all parents and carers to give some final updates before the school closes for the Summer Holidays.

I am sure you will join me in paying tribute to the amazing efforts, commitment and resilience of the staff and children. I am extremely proud of the speed in which everyone managed to work together to enable Claycots to remain open for the children of keyworkers, along with pupils deemed as vulnerable throughout the lockdown period, including during the Easter holiday period. This was also replicated to enable us to welcome back the children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6 during the month of June.

Although the school deeply regrets the fact that so many of our children have been unable to attend school since the lockdown restrictions came into force in March, I have been impressed by the speed in which the Home Learning opportunities were made available. I am also extremely grateful to all the parents/carers who have done their best to support their children's learning from home and fully appreciate how challenging this has been.

Plans for the new School Year

As you will be aware, the Government has announced that schools will be opening for all pupils from September. Please be assured that School Leaders will continue to work hard to ensure that the return is managed as safely and smoothly as possible and that all our decisions are made in accordance with the latest Government guidance.

Revised Start date for September 2020- First day is now Monday 7th September

The school will now be using the 4th September as a staff planning day to ensure that all staff can plan to support the children as they return to school from the Covid lockdown.

The children in Years 1 to 6 will now return to school on Monday 7th September.

New School Day Timings from 7th September 2020 (Academic Year 2020-2021)	
Enter school building/ doors open	08:35
Doors closed	08.45
Registration starts	08.45 - Registration closes at 8.50am (Pupils are officially late beyond 8.45am and they should go to the office to be registered.)
Lessons start by	08.50
Dismissal time	15.15 (3.15pm)

Please be aware that we will communicate to parents at the start of term the arrangements for collection and dismissal and any decisions made in accordance with the latest Government guidance.

Hot Dinners

The school plans to return to the hot dinner menu from September. Further information and the menus will be published on our website from the 1st September.



Wrap Around Care – Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

The company SCL will be back in operation from September and will be starting Breakfast Clubs and Afterschool clubs on both campuses from Monday the 7th of September. Further information can be found on our website:

https://www.claycots.co.uk/?page_id=188

Please note that parents need to book directly with SCL.

Learn to play an instrument with Slough Music Service (Years 3 to 6)

Instrumental music lessons can help your child's overall development – enhancing learning outcomes in school as well as improving team work, perseverance and confidence.

Slough Music Service is part of Slough Borough Council. All of the staff are subject to regular enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and safeguarding training, and also receive regular training to update and enhance their skills.

Lessons happen in term time in school during the day. The music teachers communicate regularly with parents through a notebook system so you can be sure of what your child is learning and the progress they are making. All children who take lessons are also eligible to join Slough Music Centre where they can learn to play and sing with others and perform in regular concerts.

Slough Music Service can provide lessons in piano (keyboard), violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, drum kit, ukulele and guitar.

For more information including costings and financial support please email music.service@slough.gov.uk.

And finally.....

I would like to wish our wonderful Year 6 children all the best as they move on to the next stage of their education and to thank our parents/carers for their invaluable contribution especially during these difficult times.

I am so grateful to the overwhelming majority of parents/carers for their co-operation, patience and understanding and know how much the staff have appreciated the kind messages of appreciation and support.

I would like to say to all the staff that are leaving, a huge thank you for their contribution and commitment to the school. On behalf of all the staff, families, children and Governors, I wish them all the very best for the future.

I would like to wish all families a safe and happy summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you in September 2020.

Best wishes,

Andrew Griffin
Executive Headteacher