



Newsletter

Dear Parents and Friends,

This week has seen the return of our Year 6 class, with all but one child attending. It has been wonderful to be able to welcome them back into school, even if they do have to be in two separate 'bubbles' of 15 children! We have had around 60+ children in each day, including our Emergency Key Worker and Vulnerable Childcare children.

It has been a week of mixed emotions – happiness because the Year 6 return has gone so well, but also frustration because we can't accommodate any more children.

On Monday, I began to formulate a plan which would enable our Reception and Year 1 children, who are not already attending Emergency Key Worker Childcare, to visit school for an hour or two one day each week for the last three weeks. I drew up a risk assessment and spent a great deal of time trying to make it possible. I sent the plan to the Local Authority for approval and, unfortunately, I was told that we were not able to do it. This is because every member of staff in school is already working with a group of children, and they are not allowed to come out of that group in order to work with another group of children. This is the Government's 'bubble' system.

I hope that you understand that it was my hope and intention that the Reception and Year 1 children could have visited school. I am as frustrated as you are that this is an impossibility.

Also, our existing Key Worker & Vulnerable children groups are now completely full, and we are unable to accommodate anyone else who hasn't already taken advantage of the Emergency Childcare. (Those who have already attended childcare can continue to do so as usual.) I believe the local authority might be able to accommodate children of Key Workers in other settings if there is room. I know that it is a very difficult time for families, and I appreciate that people need to get back to work, but we are simply not in a position to accommodate any more children under the current guidelines.

50 things to do before you're 11 3/4

The National Trust has a list of '50 Things to do before you are 11 3/4'. The list is attached in poster form. I wonder how many of them you can tick off? Which one haven't you done? Now where can I find 2 snails...?



Wellbeing

I have also attached some wellbeing documents which you may find useful. I know that for many of us, this has been a time of reflection and re-evaluation. At the beginning of the crisis, I think we had a collective purpose, and it seems that as lockdown is easing, the collective purpose is diminishing. This can make the situation harder to deal with from a mental health perspective because it really does feel as though we are not all 'in the same boat' anymore! The message remains that the virus has not gone away, and the future is still uncertain.

Please remember, general help is available from Rossendale Connected at:



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Providing support for vulnerable residents across the Rossendale community

 01706 227016

 help@rossendaleconnected.org

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For those in Bury, support can be requested from Bury Community Hubs by phoning: 0161 253 5353 (9am to 5pm).

I would once again like to thank my staff for the care they have provided during this troubling time, and also thank you, the parents and friends of Stubbins School, for your continued understanding and support.

Stay Well ☺

Mr. J. DANSON

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