



Thursday June 11th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

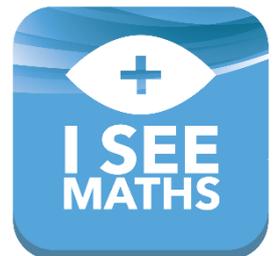
ASPIRE Parents' Update Edition 9

On Tuesday this week, we heard the Secretary of State for Education say that the government are no longer expecting all primary school children to return to school before the summer break, as they had previously indicated. Given that our schools are making use of all available physical space and a large proportion of staff to accommodate smaller Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and Critical Worker bubbles, there is an acceptance that to take more pupils is logistically highly challenging and, in some cases, impossible. Our schools are, largely speaking, now working at full capacity so at this time there will be no changes to the current situation.

We will be looking out for further guidance from the government next week and will keep you informed of any significant changes.

Maths Games

'I See Maths' have a number of free resources for parents to use to support home learning. Your child might like to have a look at these maths games to have some fun with calculations and to keep their strategic maths minds active! Recommended age groups are clearly shown for each game. <http://www.iseemaths.com/maths-games/>



Positivity Calendar

I hope you managed to try some of the suggestions in last week's calendar. Why not have a look at this week's theme which is communication! More next week.

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Reminder - Summer Reading Challenge

This year's Summer Reading Challenge has been re-formatted to be all digital. The dates are expanded to include June through to September and the official launch was Friday June 5th. More details

here: <https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/first-ambassadors-announced-for-2020-summer-reading-challenge.html>

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Grief and Loss

Although a highly sensitive and challenging topic, it might be that your child is faced with a loss or bereavement in their life. We should remember that the term 'loss' isn't only applicable when someone close to us dies. Some children will feel a sense of loss because they haven't been able to go to school for a long time, or because they miss their close friends or teachers at this time. This A-Z guide for parents could be a valuable resource to support you and your child if you have to go through very difficult circumstances. <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-grief-and-loss/>

Aspire Catering

We're very proud of our catering teams, led by Catering Manager Paul Bodsworth. The children and staff are fortunate to be able to enjoy healthy, tasty school lunches each day, even currently, when the situation makes the provision of meals much harder. Paul is always keen to share food ideas and suggestions, so please look out for the brand new lunch menu, as well as the most recent version of his recipe book. I'm sure the children would love to try out one or two of the recipes at home, which would be great fun, a valuable life skill and really good for their maths!

'Life doesn't get easier or more forgiving; we just get stronger and more resilient'.

Steve Maraboli

We hope you all manage to enjoy a safe and restful weekend.

Kind regards.

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