

Hi Year 2 Parents

I am sure some of you were disappointed to hear the news yesterday that no more year groups will be returning to school before September. This is particularly hard for us here at Hammond Infant when we only have one year group not at school - our wonderful Year 2s. I will never quite understand the thinking behind not sending Year 2 children back as a priority - I can only guess that it is because, nationally, there are far more Primary Schools than there are separate Infant and Junior Schools. When the government started talking about all children coming back to school before the summer whilst still maintaining groups of no more than 15 we were left scratching our heads - the maths didn't add up - particularly when we are being asked to continue to prioritise our key worker children too.

However, we continue to try and find a way for our Year 2 children to return to THIS school in some way before the end of term. We are currently looking at plans to do this which I will need to share with our Governors before they are finalised. This return may only be for a day or two but we also hope it will include a trip to the Junior School to meet their new teachers and to see their new classrooms. It will also be an important milestone for them to say goodbye to us all here - I can assure you that this separation has been as hard for us all here at school as it has been for you all at home - we need to say our goodbyes too. We also intend to plan a proper leaving party for children and families on the school field as soon as we are allowed to do this - that is a promise I made to the children and one I intend to keep.

We will continue to try and keep in contact with you via Seesaw and through phone calls. Obviously you will appreciate that staff are all now in school full time and so have less time than they had before - our year 2 teachers are now teaching our key worker children. But they will do their best to respond to work on Seesaw so do please post things every now and again.

This has been a tough week for us here in school - and I'm guessing for some of you at home too. The news about our Year 2s and the uncertainty now about what school might look like in September has been unsettling. But these are unsettling times for us all and I am sure we are all struggling with something at the moment - I personally have had to postpone my date to be 'mother of the bride' this August! But the one thing we need to show our children is that difficult times pass and that even when times are difficult we can find the strength to carry on if we all work together. That's what we as a staff and as a school must continue to do.

With love from

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