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Assessment Learning Week – Monday 3rd August 2020 – Friday 7th August 2020 For children in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5

Dear Parents/Carers

From previous correspondence you will know that we are determined to ensure that our pupils hit the ground running with their emotional wellbeing and academic studies when they return to school in September. Each child will therefore have an individual pupil plan (IPP) that will be written by their class teacher in September in consultation with their previous teacher. The IPP will outline up to three targets that have been identified as a result of the children missing four months of education at school. This will be shared by class teachers at a parents' evening during the week beginning 28th September 2020 and reviewed throughout the autumn and again with parents in the early part of the spring term.

Two weeks ago I wrote to you all stating that we have begun to plan for the children's education in September. This work continues each week and teachers have been sharing information about what has been covered via the home learning offer and what are the key skills that we are hoping the children have developed while they have completed the home learning. These key skills will form the basis of our teaching in September and will form part of the IPP. We are waiting for the government to send guidance about September opening in more detail and are hopeful that this will arrive next week.

To assist the September planning and the start of the IPP process, I feel strongly that we need to offer sessions during the summer holiday for those children who have not yet been able to return to school. This will not only support us in assessing the key skills that would have been taught in school but will provide some time in school for those pupils not in the eligible year groups to return.

Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 have had the fewest opportunities to come into school since the start of lockdown. We have therefore not been able to assess the wellbeing or academic standard of these pupils as much as we have for pupils in reception, year 1 and year 6. We will therefore be able to offer pupils in years 2, 3, 4 and 5, the opportunity to come into school for a week of reading, writing and maths during the week beginning Monday 3rd August 2020. The week will form the first part of our IPP. We hope there will be a good take up but, if your child is not able to attend (we know some of you will be on holiday, for example), please do not worry. You can rest assured that the assessments will take place in September also and will be our focus throughout the whole of the coming academic year.

Here is an outline of our planning:

- The focus will be on formal teaching and learning in the core subjects: reading, writing, maths with each of these being taught every day
- Children will need their own packed lunch and a drink
- School uniform does not need to be worn but please ensure that clothes and footwear are suitable to the weather conditions
- Staggered times for social distancing of parents will be in place
- Children MUST be brought and collected by a responsible adult
- Attendance is not compulsory, but to make it viable we will need a reasonable take up
- It may not be your class teacher or even next year's teacher but it will be a teacher from this school that work with your child
- It may be different teachers on different days working with the children
- Each class will have 1 teacher and no other adult or learning support assistant
- Classes will be in groups of no more than 15 and may be mixed year groups

Why are we offering this?

We know many children have found it hard to learn at home and we want to do all we can to help make up for the learning that has not been taught in school. We also want to start the Individual Pupil Plans before the start of the term so we can hit the ground running in September.

Why not Reception, Y1 or Y6?

These children have already been offered more time in school than anyone else and we have to prioritise what we are able to offer. Teachers have already been assessing the children who have returned to school and the IPP process has already started for these children.

Will my child be in a class with their friends?

Children will be in groups of 15 in line with the current government guidance for schools. We will either have all the children in a year group in a class together or, if take up is not very high, we might mix a class e.g. Y4 and Y5 children in a class. We hope to keep to separate year groups if at all possible.

What do I do to book a place?

Complete the form attached and return it admin@meadgate.essex.sch.uk by midday on Tuesday 7th July. That will give us enough time to plan the teaching and to organise the classes and teachers. If we do not hear from you by the closing date we may not be able to accommodate your request due to the groups of 15 children and availability of teachers.

Once we have received and collated the booking forms we will be in contact with you regarding drop and collection times.

If you have any questions about the information above do not hesitate to contact one of us via admin@meadgate.essex.sch.uk.

Many Thanks



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BOOKING FORM

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My child(ren) would like to attend the catch up week.

Child's name(s)

Child's current year group(s)

I have read the information supplied, including staggered start and finish times.

Parent Name:

Date:

Please return to: admin@meadgate.essex.sch.uk before midday on Tuesday 7th July