



# Leigh and Bransford Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## **General update and thank you**

It seems like an awfully long time since I wrote to you about anything other than COVID-19 so I thought that you might appreciate a more general update about what has been going on at the school.

As you will know the staff have been working since lockdown first started and have made sure that care has always been available for the children of our key workers when they couldn't be looked after in any other way. This service has been always available through what were once school holidays and bank holidays, without question from any member of staff. This is a service that has not been available at all schools. In addition to this they have been trying to find effective ways to enable pupils to learn from a distance and I have seen that in many cases this is appreciated and appears to be working well. We do understand what a challenge this has been for you and we thank you for supporting it and trying to make it work. Teachers here, who are also trying to home educate their own children whilst working, particularly understand how difficult that is! We would like to be able to do more so we are currently exploring ways in which we can try to use technology interact live with our pupils who are not in school to at least give them some teacher time.

What you won't have seen is that teachers have also been busy organising resources, completely reorganising the library as well as undertaking lots of curriculum development work. Some of this curriculum work can be seen on the school website, see "About" and "The L&B Curriculum" if you would like to learn a bit more. In addition to this staff have been taking the opportunity to update training on safeguarding, first aid and SEN. In addition key subject policies have been updated and renewed. There has also been regular interaction by telephone between teachers, pupils and parents. Classrooms have been revamped and the school has had an extremely thorough clean by Mr Soley. The outdoor areas are being finished off as I type which will be great to use when our pupils come back.

I also have some staffing updates for you; Mrs Davies will be back in July and will be working 3 days a week with Miss Knight doing the other 2. I am pleased to let you know that we appointed a new teacher, Mrs Milton, to work alongside Mrs Davies from September onwards. Miss Knight has secured another teaching job at a local school who

will be very lucky to have her! Finally we will be saying goodbye to Miss Albutt at the end of this term as she goes off to another Worcestershire school and we wish her the very best of luck. We are shortlisting on Monday and interviewing for her replacement next Wednesday and I will update you when I know more.

Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the wonderful teacher day video, the thank you on Hoopers Close and the pamper packs. I know that quite a few tears were shed when the video was first seen this morning! It was a lovely gesture which reminds us of how lucky we are to be a part of such a generous and caring community, qualities that are so important to our school.

Best wishes,

Mr S Bill  
Headteacher