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Dear parent/carer,

What a difference a week makes! Since 1st June we have welcomed back around 90% of our children in Year R, 1 and 6 as well as the children of key workers and those who are 'vulnerable' in all other year groups. Following government guidance, the children are working in small 'bubbles' with a maximum of 15 pupils. They remain in these bubbles each day, with the same two members of staff; currently we have 13 groups at the Infants and 12 groups at the Juniors meaning all the teachers and teaching assistants are working with children, irrespective of the year group they normally work in.

We are so impressed with the children who have settled in to their new routine quickly and with smiles on their faces. Thank you all for preparing them so well and for your positive feedback:

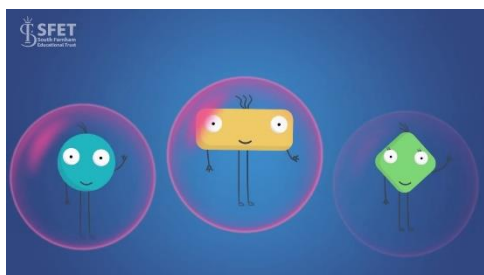
'Just a quick email to say that we have been so impressed by the way the School has dealt with the lockdown and all the logistics relating to the re-opening of the school. The videos were incredibly sweet, really thoughtful and the perfect way to encourage and reassure everyone - a lovely touch.'

The children have been wonderfully positive too; Aarav even had an interview with Eagle radio:

<https://www.eagleradio.co.uk/news/local-news/3114773/farnham-pupil-describes-what-it-was-like-going-back-to-school/#.XtU8MkNKaLw.messenger>

Please continue to use our own video to explain this new way of working to the children. We've had nearly 12,000 views on YouTube!

<https://youtu.be/RGNiOmEmwpl>

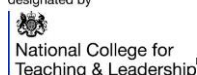


[Welcome Back to School! \(COVID-19 Return to School\)](#)

All the staff at South Farnham School are dedicated to making the children's return to school, following 'lockdown', as comfortable and welcoming as possible...

[youtu.be](https://youtu.be/RGNiOmEmwpl)

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Our staggered drop off and pick up times are working well at both sites. **Please can I ask that only one parent accompanies each child and that, as adults, you adhere to social distancing requirements where there are many parents in close proximity.**

Home Learning

For those not at school, home learning continues as normal. Thank you again for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home while juggling work and other commitments. All our staff are working hard on teaching, setting lessons, delivering Loom and Zoom videos/assemblies, providing feedback on work submitted and contacting families and children individually.

Remote learning, available on the website, continues for all year groups (including Reception, Year 1 and Year 6) along with ZOOM assemblies for Year 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Reports

The teachers have written individual reports for each child based on their achievement to 23rd March. If your child is in Year R, 1 or 6 and is in school, you will receive a paper copy of their report. If your child is in Year 2, 3, 4 or 5 or is not in school, we will email your child's report. This is a new process and our intention is that everyone will receive their child's report by the end of the week. Emailing will take place over several days so please bear with us. There will not be Parent Consultation evenings this term.

Transitions for September

Our hope is that, sometime in the not too distant future, we may be able to welcome all children back to school. At the moment, we are planning for 'business as usual' in September. Whatever happens, all the staff at South Farnham are dedicated to making the children's return to school as comfortable and welcoming as possible. Please rest assured that extensive planning is well underway regarding every child's transition to their new year group. Before the end of term you will receive a video from your child's new class teacher introducing themselves.

Even in these unprecedented times, we would like to provide an opportunity for children starting in Reception and Year 3 to meet their teacher, see their classroom and have a tour of their new school. We are planning this for the morning of Saturday 4th July; full details will follow.

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We understand that parents and children may be anxious and all staff will be focused on mental health and well-being when the children make their transition. I know many of you are worried about how much teaching the children have missed and that they may have 'fallen behind'. Again, we are ready to support every child's learning and minimise and gaps in their knowledge.

Yours sincerely,

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