

Headteacher's Message

Welcome to the Spring Term 2021, but sadly this is not the welcome I wanted to give you. I am delighted to be your new headteacher and I'm very excited to be here at Pot Kiln. We made the decision to close with a heavy heart on Monday but given the infection rates being so high in Great Cornard in particular, we had the children's safety in mind as well as trying to keep our staff and their families safe too.

We have enough staff to be able to open 4 bubbles of 15 children safely. All bubbles are for children of critical workers and vulnerable children. We will review these bubbles every 2 weeks. The same staff work in one bubble and do not cross over into other bubbles. We will have to close bubbles if we do not have sufficient staff who are well enough to staff them. If you applied for a place at school, and provided proof of critical worker status, you have been granted a place for this first 2 weeks. If your place is not used during these 2 weeks, you may lose the place. The only exception to this is if your children or your household has the covid virus and you need to isolate. The capacity for the school provision at the current time is 60 pupils.



Thank you for the kind messages you have sent to the teaching staff over this week and to me. I have been so proud of all of the staff who have worked so hard to provide you all with good information (the office staff), fabulous learning either in school or online (the teaching & support staff) and our team of extremely hard-working premises staff who are busy cleaning and keeping our school as safe as possible for all of us there.

Remote Learning

Hopefully you have all been able to sign into Tapestry if your child is in Ash, Chestnut or Cherry Class. Hopefully you have been able to sign into Seesaw for all other classes. The teachers and support staff are working hard to bring you high quality online provision. Please contact them directly if you have a problem accessing the platforms, or your child cannot understand the tasks. We are all keen to help you be successful using technology to help you at this time. I will be having a look at the online activities regularly. If you have any comments you wish us to consider in future planning of online work, please email me on laura.jestico@potkiln.net



Pupils of the week

Ash – Louis G	Beech – James WS	Willow – Abigail D	Cedar – Emma G
Chestnut – Henry B	Holly – Louis C	Sycamore – Laila Mc	Oak – Mia D
Cherry – Jessica K	Acer – Oliver M	Larch – Oskar S	Hawthorn – Brooke P

Attendance

As of next week Mr Stevens will be monitoring attendance both at school and virtually. Watch this space next week! We are still aiming at **96%+** attendance for all!

Safeguarding

To keep your child safe online please access the following page on our website for regular updates and advice.
www.potkiln.net/safeguarding



Last half term we had a virtual visit from Ofsted, although this was not a full inspection they have written a report on their findings and it is now available on our website. We are really pleased with what they have written about our wonderful school and staff.