

19 June 2020

Dear Parents,

This week has been the start of a new phase in school as we welcomed the Reception children back and more key workers children too. Our plans proved to be safe and clear for the children and for parents too. I would like to thank the parents for preparing their children so well and following our protocols brilliantly, especially time keeping as this will be critical as we welcome Year 1 back on Monday and Year 6 the following Monday.

By 29 June every room will be used in the school and every member of staff will be involved, including Mrs Gabitas and our new Year 3 teacher Miss Thorpe. This means that it is impossible for Egerton to even consider opening to any other year groups as the government have been suggesting. There are a significant number of schools in the country that cannot accommodate even these three year groups due to the size of their school, classroom size and number of staff.

### **We all have a voice**

The guidance given to schools from the government has been produced with no consultation with the profession and has clearly not taken into consideration the detail of how a school operates on a daily basis. In addition to this it has been slow to be delivered to schools, very often arriving via email after 7pm or on a Sunday. Despite this schools have worked incredibly hard to make this safe and workable in the best interests of the children, families and staff too. The staff at Egerton are truly amazing and everyone has gone above and beyond. Lobbying local MPs or writing to Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education maybe something you wish to consider.

### **The Egerton Lockdown Cookbook**

Mrs Rowland has done an amazing job in compiling this very special book. It is packed full of tried and tested delicious recipes! It has now been sent to the printers. As soon as they are delivered and we have a price you will be able to order them.

### **Transition**

As you know this final half term at Egerton is one of our busiest with the children being involved in lots of exciting activities, many of which are designed to support their transition into their next class. I wanted you to know that the staff and I are busy working on this in the coming weeks. Miss Thorpe is already in school leading the key workers groups, Mrs Taylor-Wattam has been working closely with Miss Renton in supporting our new Reception children and their families and Mr Pettit is involved in our planning too.

Even though the majority of our children are at home you are never far from our thoughts and Tapestry and Seesaw have been a wonderful way for us to stay connected. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need us.

Thankfully the weather is going to improve ready for a week of sunshine next week. Enjoy your weekend!

Best wishes

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