



# Friezland Primary School

June 19<sup>th</sup> 2020

## COVID 19: Widening of Friezland openings

This week we have welcomed our year 1 children back. They have settled in well to their new routines and we are very proud of how well they have adapted to some unusual changes. Our plan continues as follows, although it may be subject to change:

### **Ongoing: Key Worker group (at capacity on some dates) Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Year 6**

Prior to returning, each year group will receive specific information from their teacher to help support the transition back into school. School doesn't look like it usually would but we are working hard to ensure the children feel safe, secure and happy on their return. Please stick to the entry / exit points and times for the start / end of the day which you have been issued with. Arriving early or late makes the transition difficult and may compromise safety. If your child is currently at home and circumstances change, meaning they need to return (and are eligible), please contact us as soon as possible, giving plenty of notice, where possible, so that we can plan for a safe welcome. A flexible timetable is possible but please talk to us first. For those children remaining at home, we will continue to interact via Google Classroom. We are grateful for your patience, support and understanding- the safety and wellbeing of our Friezland Families remains at the forefront of all our decisions.



## Children's University

For those Children in KS2 who are missing earning their CU credits, visit the website to find a range of activities you can do virtually to earn a stamp or two!

<https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/universities/oldham-childrens-university/> Don't forget to record it in your passport and to let us know so we can credit your virtual passport too.



## Learning Wows!

It's great to see how hard our learners at home are working- you haven't lost pace and some of you have reported that you are getting more learning done at home! Please make sure we have a job to do when you return! In school, Lola made a great starfish out of salt dough, Maximillian has invented a 'hide and seek' game searching for rocks in the Forest and Seth is all ready to visit the role play airport with his new, blue British passport. The KW group, as well as keeping up with their Google Classroom learning, have been creating some art work to keep Miss Swaby

## Life beyond Lock Down

One of Oldham's Interim Education Directors visited Friezland this week (adhering to Government guidelines at all times) to gain the perspective of a small school during the pandemic. He was impressed with the ongoing planning and preparation and the flexibility of staff who have adapted and responded to challenges they could never have foreseen.

A group of Headteachers across Oldham, representing a range of schools, are now meeting regularly (albeit virtually) to discuss what schools may look like in September and how they can best operate safely. The aim is to share good practice and support schools with adapting to Government guidelines as they are published. It is likely to be late July before we are informed of the Government's plans for returning all school pupils.

The LA are currently planning a range of solutions to support child care provision across the borough over the summer holiday period. Details will be shared with you as soon as we have the information. Unfortunately, our Freedom in the Forest Club is unable to run this summer as Mrs. Keeley feels that she is unable to fulfil the requirements in Government guidelines and keep children safe.

Staff at school have begun to plan possible solutions for our annual transition activities. We are considering how we can best support the move into a new year group and / or class and how we will adapt our curriculum in order to ensure that some of the key learning missed during closure, will be incorporated.



## Accident Forms

In order to minimise items sent to / from home, if your child has an accident whilst at school, we will email the accident form to you and request that you acknowledge receipt in the same way. We know that accident forms aren't always found on the same day as they remain in the bottom of a book bag or pocket so if this revised way of working goes well, we may review our procedures and continue with this in September. As always, you will receive a text or phone call if we are concerned, particularly if the accident involves a bump to the head.

