Dear families...

We hope that you are safe and well and we’d like to begin this letter by acknowledging that this is a very challenging time for everyone but none more so than parents - there is a lot of uncertainty and a range of mixed messages out there in the media. Please rest assured that we are continuing to work relentlessly behind the scenes (literally every waking hour) to ensure that we are doing our very best by the children, staff and community we serve.

Whilst schools have remained open to key workers and vulnerable groups, we are currently working on detailed plans for the **re-opening for Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y6 only**. If you have a child in these year groups, then you can expect to receive a letter from us on Monday which outlines how we will operate and ensure that children and staff are well protected and have the best opportunity to get the most from being in school. We are leaving no stone unturned.

Letters have also gone out to you about how each school plans to operate over May half term - to date we have remained open throughout every holiday period and the bank holidays (where there has been a need). The government directive to reopen schools for selected year groups from the week beginning 1st of June 2020 (subject to the five tests being met) means that we have had to look differently at May half term due to the following reasons:

- The school site will need to have specialist signage linked to social distancing installed.
- Classrooms and the school building will need to be reconfigured to allow for smaller groups of children - this will mean removing a lot of excess furniture.
- The school site will receive a thorough deep clean prior to reopening - this is necessary because we have continued to have key worker and vulnerable children on site since lockdown.
- Many staff, including the leaders, have not had any time off since February. The reopening will test us all and our system to maximum capacity and we need to allow our staff to have a short period of respite - many of them have been choosing to work 12-14 hour days and we need them to be mentally ready for the June reopening.

More details are in the letter sent by individual schools.

In order to help us train and support staff prior to the reopening of key year groups during the week beginning the 1st June 2020, we will be **closed to ALL pupils** including key worker children and those classed as vulnerable for **two training days** on the **1st and 2nd June 2020**.

The two training days are vital because they will help us share risk assessments and plans with the staff team, run through scenarios and have a full walk through of all of the systems we are putting in place linked to social distancing. We know this may prove to be an inconvenience to parents, but we want to ensure that EVERYTHING we put in place is well tested out and robust in keeping children and staff as safe as possible. We hope that you understand our rationale. Further information will be shared on Monday.

Thank you for your ongoing support at these difficult times and your understanding in what is a very complex situation.

Stay safe. Stay well.

Steve Taylor
Executive Headteacher
Robin Hood Multi Academy Trust
MR FRANTASTIC!
Mr FranTastic teams up with the Seven Dwarfs in the mines for Workout 8 here...

What’s been happening this week?
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