



# Warboys Primary Academy

## Moving Forward Together

### To Develop Confident, Independent Learners

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well and you are having a good week. Since Monday some of our Year 1 children returned to school and it has been a joy to see them in their classrooms working hard with their teachers and TAs. The building has felt so sad during lockdown with so much of it sitting empty and unused, but now it feels as though it is gradually coming back to life. We have a long way to go before it feels anything like it did before, but I have enjoyed seeing some of our children back and adapting quickly to the new routines. All the efforts of the last few weeks have been worth it, to see smiling faces and hear the chatter of happy children. I just wish we could welcome back more of them. We do miss them all so much.

#### Home Learning Review

The Senior Leadership Team have now completed their review of home-learning and found that we have a lot to celebrate, so thank you to everyone involved in making this so successful. We are delighted to report that 72% of our children are posting work at least weekly and 54% of our children are posting work daily. We also have 67% of parents using the messaging system to communicate directly with teachers.

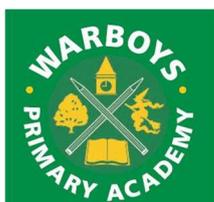
We have only made minor adjustments to the Home Learning Policy as a result of the review and this is mainly around the videos that teachers have been recording in the class story section of Class Dojo. It has been noted in the data that interest in the class teacher videos has dwindled and often teachers are only getting 3-4 views. They have found this a little demoralising given the time and effort it takes to create the videos, so we are going to reduce the number of these and hopefully re-engage the children. Class teachers will continue to post a personal video or audio message to their class every Monday morning, but then between Tuesday and Thursday messages may be produced by different members of the team so staff can share the workload. Friday's video will be my Celebration Assembly which we are going to start uploading in the class pages. I hope that you will find these minor changes acceptable and this does not impact negatively on the children's engagement with this. We will continue to keep the policy under review.

#### Wider re-opening

You may have noted from the press this week that schools have been given the flexibility to consider opening more widely to further year groups. Unfortunately, this is not currently being considered at Warboys due to the risk assessment measures we have in place based on the current guidance. We are almost full and do not have the capacity to admit any more children based on staffing, facilities, and spaces. Obviously, this is the current position but that may change over the coming weeks. We will continue to keep you informed.

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As stated in my previous communication we will review our provision in the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> June and write to inform you whether we have capacity to admit further children into our current structure from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

We are hoping to arrange one face to face meeting for each of our Year 6 children with their teacher before the end of term, so if you have a child in Year 6 please ensure that you complete this [short survey](#) by the end of the week.

### **Packed Lunches for children in school**

Please can I remind you that children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are expected to have the free school dinner that is provided in school and they should not be bringing in packed lunches unless there are exceptional circumstances which have been discussed and agreed with the school. In order to support you in ensuring that your child eats a hearty lunch we will be reintroducing menu cards this week so that children can make their choices and get what they request. This should help avoid children not eating because they do not like what is on offer.

### **Thank you to our local Spar shop**

Following a chance conversation with a parent in the foyer a couple of weeks ago we have made an application to the Spar to be beneficiaries of their community charity fund. I am pleased to inform you that this was successful, and we have received £100 to spend in the shop which Mrs Bradley is currently using to buy fruit so that we can provide morning snacks for the children. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Waine for suggesting this and an even bigger thank you to the Spar for their generous donation.

### **Annual Reports**

In line with statutory guidance your child will receive an annual report from their class teacher at the end of the term. We have made some significant adjustments to the reports to reflect the current situation and where possible they will be emailed to you rather than sent as a hard copy. The teachers can only report on the children based on their knowledge of them up to and including 20<sup>th</sup> March, but they will be working hard to provide something that is meaningful and worthwhile. The reports will be written over the next few weeks and we will let you know when they are ready to be sent out.

### **Staff News**

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Metcalf has agreed to extend her temporary contract with us for a further year and therefore will be remaining on the teaching team in September. We are delighted to be keeping her and offer her our congratulations on achieving her qualified teacher status this year.

Kind regards

Becky Ford  
Headteacher