



Cloudside Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

Address: Stanton Road, Sandiacre,
Nottingham, NG10 5DE

Telephone: 0115 939 2263

info@cloudsideacademy.co.uk
www.cloudsideacademy.co.uk

Head Teacher Melindar Kaur

Interim Head of School Susan Wass

Deputy Headteacher Jodie Milson

Monday 1 June 2020

Dear Parents / carers,

It seems very odd writing my first whole school letter to you when I can't meet you in person, but hopefully we will soon be in a situation where we can have a proper introduction.

As you will be aware the government has asked schools to extend our onsite provision to include Year 6 pupils; I have been working very closely with Miss Milson and Ms Geater to ensure that we are able to do so in a safe and manageable fashion. This means a number of changes to how we work as a school, including social distancing measures, have been put in place for the safety of the whole school community. As a result of a directive we received on Friday lunchtime from the Trust, we will extend our opening to the Year 6 pupils from Monday 8th June as long as we do not have any further instructions from the Trust to the contrary. This will ensure that all our measures to ensure the safety of the children and staff are in place and the training for staff has been completed.

We ask that if you need to raise anything with us, you do this via a phone call or an email. Unfortunately we cannot have 'ad hoc' visits to the office. If a face to face meeting is needed we will arrange this and respectfully ask that you follow our social distancing and hand sanitising regime during the meeting for the safety of the whole school community.

Pupils attending school will do so in a carefully managed way including staggered start and finish times, they will work with in a socially contained 'bubble'. We will provide all equipment they will use so they must not bring in their own equipment. We will require them to bring in a water bottle, which will be taken home at the end of the day, the only other thing they are allowed to bring to school is their lunch box if you are providing their lunch, which again must go home with them at the end of the day and washed thoroughly.

Please remind your children of the importance of these measures – they are for the safety of the whole school community. Full details of the arrangements have been sent to the families of pupils who will be on school site from Monday 8th June.

We will also be changing how we continue to support home learning provision from Monday 8th June. We will be using an online learning platform called Seesaw, which has been used by the vast majority of the rest of the schools within the Trust, and is the Trust's preferred method of learning delivery. It will mean that pupils will receive work each day that they complete online and upload it back directly to their teacher. Teachers will then mark the work giving meaningful feedback on an individual basis and in a timely fashion.

Full instructions will be sent out later this week, but please be reassured that it is a very easy and safe system for pupils to use and it can be accessed on any device that has internet capabilities, i.e. PC, laptop, tablet or mobile phone.



I am aware of how challenging our current situation has been for us all, but as a school we will continue to have the children at the centre of all we do and no decisions are taken without their safety and well-being being considered.

I am delighted to be joining the Cloudside family and I look forward to working with you and your children over the coming weeks, months and beyond. As an experienced Headteacher, I bring with me over 12 years of experience of leading schools and my ambition for the school is that it will provide the very best education for our children. They deserve the best, and that is what they WILL have at Cloudside.

In addition to me starting with Cloudside, we have some other staffing changes; Mrs M Rose left us at Easter and Mrs P Taylor has left the team at half term; we wish them both well, I am delighted to welcome Mrs L Cohen back from maternity leave and Miss E Griffiths has also returned to the Cloudside family and will be one of our Year 6 'bubble' teachers.

Change is never easy and I am acutely aware that you and the children have had a significant amount of changes to contend with, however please believe me that I and the entire Cloudside team will be working tirelessly to ensure that the children have the education they need to be successful.

Please keep yourselves safe and I look forward to the day when I can meet you all in person and welcome you back into school with a greater sense of normality.

Kind regards



Mrs S Wass

