

## MEREVALLEY FEDERATION

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Dear Parent/Carers,

As we head towards the summer half term break, I am writing to thank all of you for being patient, understanding and supportive of the school. On behalf of all the staff I thank you for working with us in encouraging your child to use the online learning platform, some children have found remote learning somewhat challenging, that is alright, as it is new and it needs to be embedded, however we are all hoping that we can get back to school, where interactions can take place and children feel safe to make mistakes and to ask questions when they are unsure. We must not underestimate peer motivation and children's desire to socialise, even at 2meter distance.

During the last week you have received a number of documents informing you of the new systems/strategies and the addendums to the existing policies that we need to implement in order to ensure the safety of our children and the staff, on their return to school. Please take time to read them, and share the information with your child, we will implement them rigorously.

I would like to ask our Y6 parents to complete the survey as we need to know the number of children returning to school from 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Please refer to the timetable sent to you in regard to which entrance and exit doors you need to use and the times of entry and exit from school. The times allocated to the Priority Group, Key Workers Children to enter the school from the main entrance is at 8:50am and they exit from the same door at 3:20pm. Please do not assemble outside the cloakrooms or outside the main entrance, when dropping off your child or picking your child up.

I am truly moved by the commitment and the dedication that the staff have shown towards our school, whilst dealing with their own personal tragedies and challenges.

Have a safe half term break and hope to see you on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Mrs Mathison

