

# Valley End C of E (VC) Infant School

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Thursday 18th June 2020.

Dear Parents

Following on from our recent letters, a third Extraordinary Full Governing meeting has now taken place to consider how Valley End is operating during the current coronavirus pandemic and the government guidelines which continue to be issued.

As you are aware, we have considered many different scenarios, but are obliged to follow the government instruction to prioritise the return of critical workers alongside vulnerable children. The government guidelines and further risk assessments about social distancing, availability of soap and water and staffing ratios have not changed. Government guidelines published recently do not allow us to fund any further staffing or use any other structures or community buildings, such as village or church halls as they are still closed in line with current government instruction.

We therefore, remain at capacity with the numbers of eligible and verified critical workers alongside vulnerable children and every classroom in school is being used for a bubble of children and staff. All critical workers' status has been verified with the assistance of Surrey County Council.

We also wanted to let you know that we have reported the situation at Valley End to both the DfE and again to Michael Gove, the Surrey Heath MP, and both have reiterated that the school has followed the correct government instructions of prioritising critical workers alongside vulnerable children. Mr Mead and other headteachers in Surrey Heath have further expressed their continuing dismay and frustration to Mr Gove about the restrictions and constraints upon schools and the issues that they have caused.

We are very conscious of the lack of face to face contact with those children who remain at home. Therefore, the teachers are currently planning a time when those at home can come to school after 3pm in order to take part in an outdoor activity with their teacher(s). We will be in touch with further details very shortly.

Please note that the above opportunity is only for those children who are at home and not for those who are coming into school. Critical worker and vulnerable children should leave the school premises at the normal time.

We will, of course, continue to take note of any further changes to government guidance should they arise and notify you of any further updates regarding this term and/or September.

Yours sincerely

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Mr R. Mead  
Headteacher

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Mrs Y. McLeod  
Chair of Governors