



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

@Ellen Tinkham

12th June 2020

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to see a few more pupils coming into school this week. Pupils and staff have been working in “bubbles”, adhering to social distancing rules and enjoying the outdoor space in their groups. The small numbers of people in each classroom seems to be working very well and we will continue our weekly rotas for the foreseeable future.

Please speak with your teacher on your weekly call if you would like to access any walking sessions across the week – we will try to accommodate as many pupils as possible with the staff we have available.

Home Learning - Teachers and staff are continuing to produce and upload new teaching materials onto the website weekly, so please keep checking the site for the latest topic work available. For those pupils who are coming in next week, there are some social stories about returning to school which you can watch with your child. Remember, as well as activities, there are lots of short films and stories made by the staff for your child to enjoy watching.

Family Fund – The Family Fund is available to help families across the UK who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under. You can apply to Family Fund if:

- You are the parent or carer of a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 0-17 who lives with you;
- You are currently living in the UK and done so for at least six months, or three months if your child is less than six months old. You are eligible to work and apply for public funds;
- Your child is not in Local Authority care;
- You have evidence of entitlement to any one of the following:
 - Universal Credit
 - Child Tax Credit
 - Working Tax Credit
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income Related Employment Support Allowance
 - Income Support
 - Housing Benefit
 - Pension Credit.
- Your child or young person has a high level of additional support needs arising from a long term disability or disabling condition or a serious or life limiting illness. By long term, the Family Fund mean lasting or likely to last 12 months or more.

Please visit the Family Fund website for more information: <https://www.familyfund.org.uk/>

Ellen Tinkham College Extension Project – The final phase of the College extension work will be starting at the end of June and finishing at Christmas. The works include creating two large meetings rooms which will be ideal for holding our annual reviews, a new medical room and much needed office space.

Enjoy the weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqui Warne".

Jacqui Warne - Executive Head