



## HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Year 6 Update – Change to government guidance

Dear Year 6 Parents

As you will have heard, from 4<sup>th</sup> July the Government guidance on social distancing will change to a recommendation of 1 metre where safe to do so. Following this announcement, school received specific guidance from the Department for Education on Wednesday which the governors and I have used to review our current risk assessment. The governors and I have consistently followed the government guidance regarding the reopening of schools and measures required to keep our school community safe. This change to the guidance will also be followed, resulting in **some** additional spaces being available for children to return.

As stated in our previous letter, we were devastated that we could not welcome Year 6 back, however we are now in a position to do so over the last 2 weeks of term. Spaces available are limited, but we feel strongly that all the Year 6 children should have the opportunity to attend for at least part of the final weeks of term if their parents wish them to do so.

Due to social distancing measures still being in place, the school day will look and feel very different to what the children will remember. There will be two Year 6 bubbles which will be taught by Miss Billington and Mrs Southworth, the number of children in each bubble will be limited and children in different bubbles will not be able to mix. The school day will be shorter to fit in with our staggered start and finish times and during the day the children will be completing their Showbie work and the transition work set. The promise we

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made in our previous letter still stands and as soon as it is safe to do so we will be inviting the Year 6 Class of 2020 back for the 'send off' they deserve.

If you wish your child to return to school for part of the final weeks, please inform me by email [briggsj@hardymill.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:briggsj@hardymill.bolton.sch.uk) by 3:30pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June **at the latest**. This will allow us time to plan forward for Year 6's return. Detailed information about re-joining school will be emailed out to every parent that responds requesting a place.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school and seeing their smiling face.

Kind regards

Mrs Briggs

