## **GIG MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Together we care, together we succeed



11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a restful break and the opportunity to enjoy the fantastic weather. What a lovely return to school following half term with beautiful sunny weather, perfect for our environmental focus this week. The children have really enjoyed a range of activities for World Ocean Day.

The lovely weather has coincided with the first easing of COVID restrictions, and many of you will have enjoyed meeting once again friends or family.

For us in school there is currently no change in the way Gig Mill is working – class bubbles will remain in place until the end of this academic year. This is to ensure that if there were to be a positive case, 30 children and families rather than 90 children and families would be affected. As you can imagine this is a challenge to maintain for us as a large primary school, as it means extra staffing is required for various parts of the school day.

Thank-you for your support – it keeps us all going through the most challenging times.

A number of parents have contacted us regarding safety concerns - please can I ask for your continued support for school drop off and collection:

- only one adult per family dropping off and collecting
- no cars at Broadway entrance
- once your children are collected, please keep them with you, especially walking down Broadway drive
- we ask parents not to congregate at school entrances and for safety please keep school entrances and crossings clear

## Summer term plans

Next week the school value we are focusing on is equality.

The children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be able to use the new equipment in the KS2 areas as it is now safe to play on. Further details will follow, as we are currently planning a range of outdoor and sports activities over the next few weeks, as sports days will not be able to go ahead in the same way as 2019.

The Local Authority and Public Health are continuing to advise schools locally, in particular regarding transition arrangements for both children starting school and transferring to secondary – we will let you know as soon as we receive any confirmed arrangements. Government advice will also be coming out next week, and we'll let you know if there will be any changes to current arrangements.

Thanks again for your continued support and understanding. Kind regards, Mrs Hannaway Headteacher