

Aclet Close Nursery School Aclet Close, Bishop Auckland, Co.Durham DL14 6PX



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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you and your families are all safe and well.

Over the last week or so Mrs Staines and Mrs Metcalfe have rang all of our families (and spoke to some of the children ©) to check that you are ok and to explain that it does not look like we will expand our numbers of children much in these last weeks of the Summer Term. This is for 2 reasons:

- 1) The vast majority of you have said that you are able to keep your children safe at home
- 2) We have limited staffing capacity

We continue to take advice from Durham County Council, their Health and Safety team, DfE, and Public Health Agency as well as medical advice for individual members of staff. Should our capacity to take more children change, we will let you know straight away. We have a new section on the home page of our website http://www.acletclose.durham.sch.uk/ called 'Welcome back' and we've added some information/video clips/stories that may be of some use. We will text you when something new is added.

We appreciate it is very difficult to keep young children entertained for any length of time. Mrs Staines continues to post daily activities on our Facebook page, which is also on the home page of our school website. You are very welcome to make any comments or share photographs.

July 2020 leavers... We are very sorry and sad that we are unable to have all the children back before the end of term and that we aren't able to prepare and support the children who are moving onto Primary School in September as we want to. Our usual process is to contact Primary Schools and invite Reception staff to come and see the children in Nursery. We explain where the children are, development wise, and share the children's achievements. We are in contact with all of our receiving Primary Schools to pass on information that we hope will help the children with a smooth transition. Each Primary School has different ways of working and they will contact you to discuss transition and starting details for your children.

We still hope to have our annual mini-graduation and will let you know when we can confirm a date, time and venue. You will receive your children's Learning Journals which are full of lovely memories and your child's achievements and the children will receive a momento of their time with us.

Thank you... Until then, we thank you all, for your continuing patience, understanding and support in these challenging times. If you need to contact us, email is the best method acletclose@durhamlearning.net or telephone 01388 603006. Your photographs, messages,



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emails and best wishes are very much appreciated - they really do cheer us up as we miss you all lots!

Stay safe and we have our fingers crossed that things will look more normal in September.

Kind regards



Lisa Jenkins, Head Teacher and team at Aclet Close Nursery School