



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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Friday 05 Jun 2020

Drawing this week to an end, there has been a small sense of normality restored. Our Y6 children have settled back, albeit into a new norm, along with the critical worker provision which has now moved to school from the EY centre.

Already conscious of social distancing and frequent hand-washing, children have responded very positively to their slightly modified environment. We look forward to continuing this next week as we welcome back groups of children from FS1 and FS2.

I am very optimistic that we will then be in a position to action the reintegration plan for the remaining year groups. The plan is currently with TUs and I hope to be able to update you by the end of next week. The order of reintegration, subject to consultation, will be Y1, Y2/3 and then Y4/5 – this will be in fairly quick succession.

Critical workers

We have fielded many queries regarding this over the past week and it should be noted that as the context develops the criteria for securing a place has too. The most recent SITREP (3 Jun) clearly states:

a. **Child care.** *Child care returns to be a parental responsibility from 8 Jun, the current arrangements for child care in the Early Years Settings will cease this week. The restrictions on non-resident Domestic Assistants and Child Minders have been lifted. There is an acknowledgment that there will be some children of those year groups that have not returned to school that will need some support. However, the default position is that every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.*

(1) *Station Commanders are to liaise with line managers to ruthlessly prioritise mission critical outputs and only those dual serving/working and single parents that truly have no alternative child care arrangements should seek support.*

(2) *PSB link to register need for exceptional child care from 8 Jun [Units/Depts are to submit their requests for exceptional child care by 1700hrs Thu 4 Jun 20](#) this will be facilitated in schools as opposed to Early Year Settings.*

These are the guiding principles which are applied and those families who are able to use the facility from Mon 8 Jun have been made aware.

Heat

Now that we are experiencing some excellent weather, please ensure that children are sent in with a sunhat/hat with peak, have sun cream applied (or have in their bag where applicable) and bring a water bottle to school.

Leavers

With posting now coming back online, please ensure that you inform the school if you are leaving the island so that paperwork can be initiated and the safe transfer of docs sent on to the new school.

Finally, I sincerely hope that I will be in a position next week to give further information on pupils returning to school.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ben Turner, Headmaster

