



Bicton C of E Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are sure you are as pleased as we are that the children are able to return to school and nursery next week. When the children return from next Monday, we will welcome them back with open arms - don't worry, not literally!

The last 7 weeks have been hard not having all of the children attending - hard for children - hard for parents - and hard for staff. Everyone has faced their own challenges and we are so proud of each and every one of you.

The way in which our children have adapted to online learning, whether they are at home or in school, has been inspirational and we hope they recognise how amazing they are.

Whichever way you turn, the news seems to be full of negativity and phrases such as 'catch up', 'gaps', and 'lost learning.' This language is not at the forefront of our minds when we look at how our children have responded during the last lockdown. We have witnessed resilience, confidence, determination, and many children flourishing.

We will not be assessing children as soon as they step back inside the building or trying to cram in content which they may not have been able to complete whilst they were at home. Instead, we will provide them with the support, guidance and encouragement they need to continue with their lifelong learning.

We know that some children will be anxious about returning. We want to reassure you that we will do everything we can to support children in settling back into school and nursery alongside their peers and getting used to school routines again.

Likewise, if you as parents are worried about your child returning to school, please talk to us. We might not always have the answers but we will always take the time to listen and we are here for you just like we are for your child.

We look forward to seeing you next week and the next few days can't go quickly enough for us!

Take care and please stay safe

Mrs Johnson and staff x