

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children attending school have continued to enjoy their learning this week. We have now welcomed back our Key Worker and Vulnerable children groups, along with children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on the Band A/B system.

I am aware that the government's decision to postpone the return of all primary children attending school for 4 weeks before the summer has sent shockwaves across the country. The effect this could have on many children will be considerable, though as a school community it is our duty to minimise this impact. As a Trust, we have worked hard to improve further our home learning package as detailed in the CEO's letter this week. The package provides greater structure and a clear opportunity for pupils to directly engage with teachers in school – further detail is below.

Finally, I hope that our school community remain safe and well and find some comfort in this newsletter and further communications we have offered. As always, you know where we are if for any reason you wish to make contact – either via the school phone: 01977 722615 or admin email: [admin@carletonpark.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@carletonpark.patrust.org.uk)

Thank you,  
Mr J Ayre

## Parent Feedback

As ever, it is wonderful to hear your positive feedback and recognition of the efforts the school are going to in order to provide a safe and educational experience for our children. Please see a further thank you that arrived in the admin inbox this week – thank you!



"I just wanted to send a thank you for everything you have done to settle the boys back into school. It wasn't an easy decision to decide to bring them back last Wednesday and I was really emotional leaving them, perhaps anxious about how things would be and whether they would be ok after being at home for so long. But I knew immediately when I picked them up that it was a good decision for them and they have really enjoyed everything about being back, particularly seeing their friends and teachers again.

You listened to my many concerns on the phone and reassured me, you greeted us with positivity and huge smiles reassuring them, you reassured me on the phone on their first morning back and at the end of their first day by telling me how well they were adapting. You have offered so much support whilst probably feeling anxious yourself about the situation and your own families.

**So thank you for everything you do... day in day out for our children we really appreciate it."**

## Updated Home Learning Package

As you will now be aware, the Trust have worked to improve our home learning offer. We are very aware that a package needed to be created which offers a greater structure and support for our children not currently attending school provision.

With this in mind, and in line with the Government announcement earlier this week regarding the plan for the remainder of the summer term, the staff have been designing and developing the next phase of our home learning offer. This will be an excellent bolt on to the regular work packs that have been available for you to complete.

The timetable offers 5 English and 5 maths sessions per week alongside an opportunity to engage with class teachers. This direct link aims to build upon the foundations the 'teacher-pupil phone calls' started and is hoped to have a positive impact not only on the academic progress of our children but, more importantly, their wellbeing.

Our teachers have been incredibly excited about this opportunity to engage further with our pupils and have been eagerly setting up their class accounts in readiness.

The learning packs will be available to download from our school website later today:  
<https://carletonpark.patrust.org.uk>

## DO YOUR BEST

This is our unwavering message to all parents/carers during this time.

Some useful tips when supporting learning from home:

- On an evening, plan with your child what work you are going to complete the next day so they know what to expect.
- Create your own timetable – let the work fit around your routine.
- Stay positive, have fun and laugh together – the work isn't a test/no one will judge how well you've done – enjoy the time working together.
- Make sure you take breaks – enjoy the fresh air and drink plenty of water.

If you are unsure on anything, email school or just google it. Do not worry about things being wrong – school will pick this up once we are back

If you have any issues with downloading the home learning packs, please contact us via the school admin email: [admin@carletonpark.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@carletonpark.patrust.org.uk).

## ClassDojo

You will receive log in details to ClassDojo; a key link not only for communication but as a platform to support our children's learning and progress during this time. ClassDojo also offers staff the opportunity to take further responsibility for our pupils' learning.

We are currently in the process of setting up pupil accounts for parents to connect you, these will be sent to you via ParentmailPMX. Carleton Park has a historical, pre-existing account, which will be deleted. However; this process is currently taking longer than expected. As soon as you receive your code, I encourage you all to familiarise yourselves with the app/website; our school's account name is: **Carleton Park Junior and Infant School** (not Pontefract Carleton Park). There will be more information to follow about what this will look like in due course.



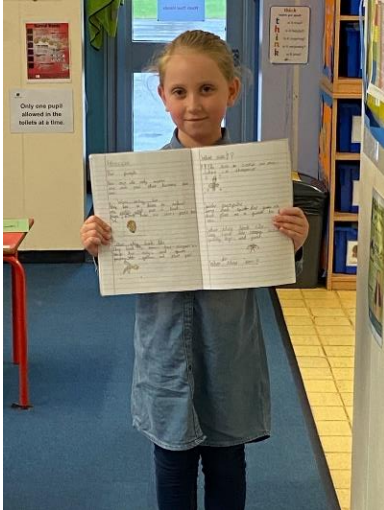
## School Re-opening #Week2

As we come to the end of the second week, we continue to remain extremely proud of our children in school. For many stepping back through the school gates - though they may be excited - is a daunting feat after so long at home. I, as both a Headteacher and a parent, truly appreciate this and would like to take the opportunity to reassure you our team of staff will continue to do all we can to ensure this transition is as seamless and enjoyable for our children as possible.

I really hope you see the following images as reassurance if you are still deliberating over the decision to return your child to school and again, you know where we are if you wish to talk through your eligibility of a place or just questions you would like answering.









A big thank you to the parents and carers who have continued to adhere to all the new procedures and our one-way system - it is working really well and the marshals are always on hand to show you where to go if you are unsure.

## Home Learning Continues

Each week Kallon keep us updated with his home learning. This week he used some of his pocket money to buy some ramps for his beloved tractor 'Trevor' and over the weekend, he helped rescue 6 chicks! Kallon has loved getting to know them and looking after them.



You can send your photos in via the 'send message' option on our Facebook page, Twitter account or if you have any problems with this, email to [admin@carletonpark.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@carletonpark.patrust.org.uk)

Thank you so much for your continued support during this time.

## Reminder

A reminder for when contacting school regarding a child's place. As our numbers begin to grow, we are having to mix some year groups and use different staff/classrooms than the children may have been used to. Our main priority is keeping children safe and following the government's strict guidance on social distancing. Social groups unfortunately are not a priority during this time. The following process applies:

1. Parents/carers contact school to request a child place.
2. The admin team will carry out eligibility checks.
3. If eligible and a place is available, you will receive confirmation via the school's admin email account.
4. From receiving your confirmation of a place, admin will follow the Trust policy of 2 working days' notice when providing a start date.