

28 May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of a fairly quiet term 5. I am sure everyone is looking forward to the half term break and the prospect of some warmer weather (hopefully).

### Pupils and Staff

We have welcomed some new pupils to the school this term and they have all settled in well. Welcome to Shelby, Frankie, Amelia, Lorca, Gabi, Sophie, Harley, Michelle and Joseph.

We have also welcomed some new members of staff. Welcome to Christine and Tina who have joined as Teachers, Sian who has joined as Speech and Language Therapist, Julie who has joined as Finance Assistant, Aaron who has joined as Senior Teaching Assistant and to James, Sophie, Victoria, Callum, Helen, Katy, Tina and Clara who have joined us as Teaching Assistants. We hope they have enjoyed their first term and that they will be very happy at Five Acre Wood School.

### New arrivals

Congratulations to the following members of staff:

- Nikki on the birth of her daughter Bonnie
- Lesley on the birth of her daughter Lydia

### Welcome back

We were pleased to welcome our AGP pupils back into school this term. We have worked hard to plan and risk assess for their return, taking into account government guidance. I would like to thank their Parents and Carers for their support and for their continued support in keeping our pupils safe. I can fully appreciate how challenging this has been.

### Five Acre Wood Roadmap out of Covid

I have attached our 'Five Acre Wood Roadmap out of Covid'. Please be aware that this indicates the earliest dates for the easing of our restrictions and may be subject to change. We are closely

monitoring the national and DfE guidance and transmission rates. We will keep you updated regarding and changes and any future planned events.

### Traffic management

We are currently in talks with KCC Highways and New Line Learning School regarding traffic management in and around the School site, with a view to making improvements to the flow of traffic at the start and end of the school day.

### Design a leaf competition

Pupils were invited to design a leaf to be incorporated into the backdrops of the LEAF Summit on 7 June, which is mentioned in Alex's updates below. There were lots of brilliant designs and a prize was awarded to Kai from Beetle class for his entry which is shown here. Well done Kai!



### Healthcare Plans

Please can I remind all Parents/Carers that in the interest of your child's health and safety, it is your responsibility to ensure all information on Healthcare Plans is kept up to date and you should therefore notify us of any changes as they arise.

I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable half term. Please be reminded that Monday 7 June is an inset day, therefore pupils will not be in school. I look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 8 June.

Kind regards,

*Peggy*

Peggy Murphy  
*Principal*

## Updates from Alex, our fundraiser:

### Fundraising NEWS May 2021

#### Round the World Challenge

We are well over half way round the world – so kind of heading home now! Thank you to everyone who has contributed and is contributing to this challenge. It is just a bit of fun and helps us to dream of far-flung places that, at the moment, we can only imagine visiting! We are thrilled to have so many people join us including now the members of Maidstone Youth Rugby Club, who are also plotting and planning some fundraising activities for us!

Click [here](#) to go to our latest updated page...

#### Let's Write a Book

Our book, contributed to by nearly all the pupils in the school is just about ready to go to print! Here is an image of the front cover... it will be available to buy soon – keep an eye on your ParentMail emails and on Facebook for announcements of when it is in stock.



#### Snodland House – Buy a Brick

We have put in a funding application for £220,000.00 for the house! We will hear in July as to whether this has been successful and are keeping everything crossed, but in the meantime we are still running our "Buy a Brick" campaign, so anything you can do to boost that appeal would be wonderful. Currently at nearly £22,000.00, you can organise a fundraising event to support the campaign or simply donate to it via our Virgin Money Giving page.

Click [here](#) to go direct to the Virgin Money Giving page.

#### The Branch Café

We have found an opportunity to take a lease on a premises in Aylesford which will become a café and shop. Our older pupils and young learners from Grow 19 will gain work experience and essential employability skills training and working there. It will be called "The Branch Café" and we hope to have it up and running by October half term. Of course we need to raise some funds for

equipping it and making it into a really appealing place both for our pupils to work in and for our customers to visit – please support us in our appeal if you can. We have another Virgin Money Giving campaign up and running – click [here](#) to donate! This is an artist's impression of a coffee shop – not necessarily exactly how we will have ours, but it does look so good!



### **The LEAF Summit: Inspiring Growth and Development**

On Monday 7 June 2021, we are supporting LEAF teaching school in promoting their inaugural online conference. With an outstanding array of key-note speakers, it promises to be a brilliantly useful event for people from all walks of life. If you are interested in attending as a delegate, or know someone who might be – [here](#) is the link to the booking form and further information.



### **Looking forward...**

We would welcome new members to join the committee of Friends of Five Acre Wood and Grow 19 – we have much to do once we can be back “in person” again, organising events – maybe a Christmas fair (as we haven’t been able to have a summer fair for 2 years).... Always remember the things you can do to support us financially without it costing you anything:-

- Shop via Smile Amazon and nominate us as your charity of choice
- Do your online shopping via EasyFundraising
- Buy a number in our monthly Lucky Lottery Ball draw (ok, this is going to cost you a tiny bit – but you could win!)

Do be in contact with the fundraiser Alexandra Meaders on [ameaders@five-acre.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ameaders@five-acre.kent.sch.uk) if you have any fundraising queries or ideas! Happy half term!

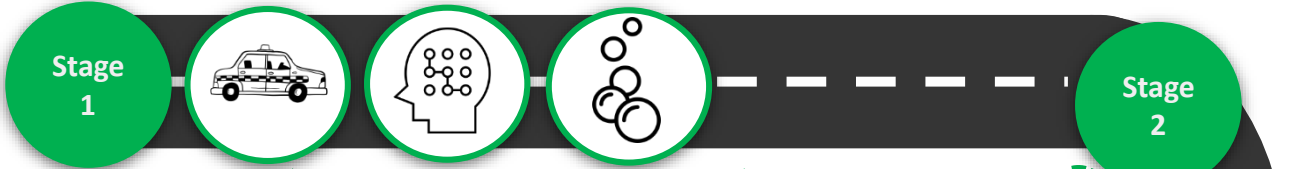
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# FAW Roadmap Out Of Lockdown

## 1 The Journey Starts – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

- 9 / 9:15 drop off time to be resumed, to enable staff training to be re-introduced before School
- SLT to carry out 'learning explorations' across the school, following agreed Covid protocols
- Bubble and hub structure to remain in place, until at least 21<sup>st</sup> June

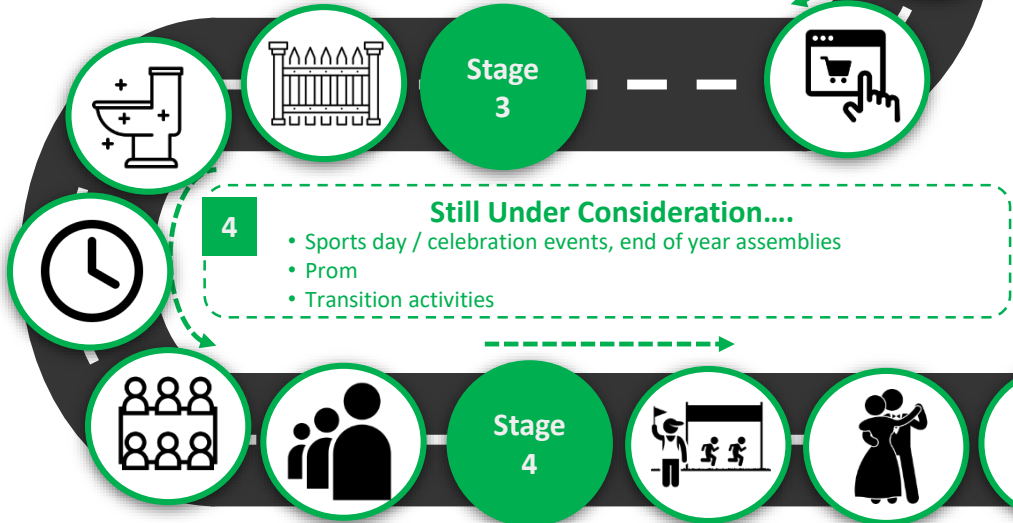


## 2 From 17<sup>th</sup> May (At The Earliest)

- Specialist rooms – to re-open, on a strict rota/timetable basis with classes/groups needing to wipe down and clean surfaces before leaving rooms
- Community visits to resume, including shopping (subject to the satisfactory completion of all necessary paperwork)
- FAW therapists work in classes across the School to resume (1 hub per day)

## 3 From 21<sup>st</sup> June (At The Earliest)

- Heras fencing to be removed
- Mobile toilets to be de-commissioned
- 'Hub hoppers' – removal of 48 hour circuit break
- Face to face meetings including recruitment < 6 people can resume
- External professionals can go into classes and visit multiple bubbles / hubs
- Lunchtime supervisors will be able to go into classes



## 4 Still Under Consideration....

- Sports day / celebration events, end of year assemblies
- Prom
- Transition activities

## To Remain As They Are (All Stages)



Breaktimes



Virtual Assemblies



Staffrooms



The easing of our restrictions is dependent upon national and DfE guidance, local infection rates etc. We will continue to monitor the situation closely – there may unfortunately be roadblocks and roundabouts ahead!



All staff are to keep following our coronavirus guidance including - regular handwashing, social distancing, wearing a face covering where recommended, hygiene routines, reporting symptoms and regular lateral flow testing etc.

## **Term Dates with Diary Dates 2020/21**

***DUE TO CORONAVIRUS, ALL DATES ARE PROVISIONAL AND ANY EVENT SCHEDULED MAY BE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION***

Date	Time	Event
<b><u>Term 6</u></b>		
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	N/A	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	N/A	First day of term 6 for pupils
June 2021	TBC	Sports day
June 2021	TBC	Sports day
June 2021	TBC	Sports day – FAW Snodland
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021	All day	Transition day
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	3.45-6.45pm	'Meet the new teacher' parents evening
July 2021	TBC	Secondary summer performance
July 2021	TBC	Secondary prize giving
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	N/A	Last day of term

## **NOTE TO PARENTS/CARERS REGARDING MEDICATION**

To ensure that your child is given the most current prescribed medication of the correct dose and at the right time, please read these guidelines:

1. Please ensure that all medicines sent into school are in the ORIGINAL pharmacy containers/packaging clearly labelled with:

- Your child's name
- Name of prescribed medication
- The dosage and frequency of administration
- How medicine should be given, e.g. by mouth, via feeding tube
- Date medicine was dispensed
- Expiry Date

Any nurse will have the right to refuse the administration of medication to your child if this information is not clearly shown on the label.

2. Please inform the school nurse of any change to your child's regular medication, including alterations to dose, frequency or medication being stopped as advised by a doctor. These alterations need to be confirmed in writing by the prescriber. **We cannot accept verbal alterations and will be unable to give an amended dose unless we have the medication in its original contained with the correct information printed on the label or receive the changes in writing from the prescriber.**

3. If your child is prescribed emergency medication (Diazepam/Midazolam for epilepsy or Anapen/Epipen for allergy) please inform the school nurse immediately. Further information from your child's doctor will be needed regarding when the emergency medication should be given and this will be kept in school so all staff are aware of what care your child needs in an emergency.

4. Please ensure there is a sufficient supply of all the medicines your child needs whilst in school. We will contact you to advise when we are running low.

5. When sending in medication, it must not be put in your child's bag. Instead, it should be handed directly to a member of the class staff. If your child comes into school by taxi, the medication should be given to the escort who will then hand it to a member of the class staff when they arrive at school.