



Paddock Wood Primary Academy, Monday 22 June 2020

Good afternoon

### **Part-time return offer for Year 5 pupils**

I am pleased to share that we will be able to offer some face-to-face contact and teaching for Year 5 pupils this term. This will be for two Thursday and one Friday sessions, beginning this week, and attendance will be at parents' choice.

Ordinarily our academy operates with 22 classes, but during this extraordinary time we already have 24 classes - six each for Foundation Stage, Year 1, Year 6 and Key Workers. You will appreciate that put together this occupies every available space we have.

In order to accommodate Year 5, I am pleased to confirm that Mr Monk, Principal at Mascalls has kindly offered us sole use of one of their empty teaching blocks. It is fair to say that all of our teachers are already carrying out a dual role, teaching somewhere in school and facilitating online learning for pupils at home; it really is testimony to our staff that teachers are committed to assuming a third role, in teaching Year 5.

Our teachers are offering three sessions as a planned transition from Year 5 to Year 6. Classes will be organised into pods (groups) of no more than 15 pupils and all of our Year 5 and Year 6 teachers will lead this. The sessions will be offered on the dates and times below:

Thursday 25 June from 12.45pm - 3.15pm

Thursday 2 July from 10am - 12.30pm

Friday 10 July from 10am - 12.30pm

We would certainly encourage for your children to take part, but please be assured this remains entirely at each family's choice. If you would like to attend, simply turn up on the day/s.

We will be in Shackleton Block. If you arrive by car please drive straight ahead past the barriers to be met by our teachers (and myself) and if you are walking there is direct gate access on the far left as you face Mascalls from the park, again our (primary) staff will meet you at the gate and will direct you to the correct teacher.

Please note that pupils will be working with our (known) teachers only. Children will require their own pen/pencil, they may bring water and a snack and we will, of course, be observing current 2m social distancing and hand-washing/sanitising rules.

With best wishes

Scott Opstad

Principal