



# Elements Primary School



Friday 1st May 2020

Dear Parents,

As ever I hope you and your loved ones are staying well during this extended period of lockdown.

This will be a shorter than usual newsletter to bring you some important news and information.

I am very pleased and excited to be able to write this week and say that we have finally received notice that we can move into our new building. This means when school reopens to all children, whenever that may be, they will return to our permanent building.

You have all been so patient waiting for us to have our building handed over and we hope you think it is worth the wait. Thank you for your continued understanding.

Obviously moving into the build is not an easy task in normal circumstances so to do it during a pandemic lockdown is going to test us further! We have clear plans on how this will happen but it will take more time as we are still required to work whilst maintaining social distancing. This will be the case for our Estates team and contractors who will be helping us decant across to the permanent site.

As you know during the lockdown we have endeavoured to keep school open, even during the Easter holidays. However, in order to move as efficiently as possible, school will be closed fully during half term. This is the week beginning 25th May.

We appreciate that we have had a small number of frontline keyworkers who have relied on school being open to be able to go to work. Therefore places have been made available during half term, at another of our Trust schools based in East Leeds, should you need them. Please let me know via the office email if you require one of these places.

Holiday activities will be available on the classroom throughout half term.

In the weeks leading up to half term school will remain open to those children who have had to attend as a last resort.

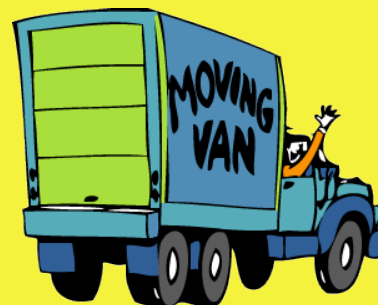
The exception to this is next Friday 8th May, which is a Bank Holiday. School will be fully closed on this day.

Details of visits, tours and returns to school will follow as and when appropriate.

Thank you once again for your patience and understanding. We are so close.....

Please, stay safe.

Miss S Horsbrough  
Executive Principal





## Elements Virtual Choir

### We need your help!

Our children have been sounding wonderful on the classroom and we have loved hearing their singing.

What we now need to pull together are some video clips of them singing so we can merge them all together to create one virtual choir.

In order to do this please record your child singing our 7 Habits song and upload it to their classwork on the classroom.

**IMPORTANT - the children should wear headphones whilst singing so that the only thing we hear on the video is them singing and not the music. Obviously they need the song to sing a long to so hence their need to wear headphones!**

If you could record and upload this by next Friday that would be fantastic. We will then use this to create a magical virtual choir video which we can share with you all.

Thank you!



## STAYING IN TOUCH

We have a number of communication points available during this period of lockdown. Different staff are monitoring these and so it is very helpful if you could try to communicate via the appropriate channel for different queries or concerns.

For queries regarding chromebooks and Google Classroom - [info@elementsprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:info@elementsprimaryschool.co.uk)

For comments to other children in their class - children to add comments to the class stream

For all other queries and questions please use - [office@elementsprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:office@elementsprimaryschool.co.uk)

**For emergency calls during school hours (when school is closed) - 07375391970**

Please do not post questions and concerns on the classroom or Facebook as this will delay our chance to respond and may be directed to the wrong person.

### Workbooks

Whilst it is fantastic to hear that our children are completing their workbooks we are sorry if this is causing any issues at home. We ordered these books specifically for learning at home and so do not have a large supply. If your child has completed their book please email school and we will do our best to get another one out to you. Obviously we are following guidance surrounding visits and social distancing and this may mean it takes longer to get these to you as so few staff are on site. Please bear with us as we do this.

In the meantime, please do use whatever notebooks you may have to hand at home. Thank you for your understanding.

