

### **The 'Campaign'!**

Maintained Nursery School supplementary funding has been extended to August 2021 and Nursery School funding was due to be discussed in the comprehensive spending review. Jack Dromey and the APPG are continuing with the campaign pushing for the government to support Maintained Nursery School funding to be put on a long term basis. (See attached letter).

### **COVID-19**

We fully reopened for all children from September 2020 and - as of today - all of our expected children are in school (we were missing 1) but with extras too.

We are still working in 3 bubbles in separate areas of the school. The start and end times are staggered and with a 10 minute buffer. All staff are in school.

We have had one positive case reported. A child who showed no symptoms. This meant we had to close one bubble. Parents were very supportive and only 2 staff had to self isolate. They worked very hard from home.

The school risk assessment is updated regularly and any updates from the Local Authority or government are incorporated.

We are still supporting families with resources and food parcels.

#### **Funding**

We have applied for backdated sustainability funding from 23rd March to 1st June. The funding was for settings that remained open during lockdown. There is an amount for staying open plus £100 per child who attended each week.

The government agreed to fund children on Autumn 2019 numbers at Autumn 2020 per child amount unless you had more than 2019. Either way, no setting should lose out. I have put Autumn 2019 and 2020 census numbers on the following page.

### **Other**

Christina started with us as Deputy Head Teacher after half term.

We have started a new programme of volunteers and trainees. This term we have also got a SCITT teaching student who will join us for Autumn and Summer term.

We have unprecedented numbers of children joining us with SEND. We are trying to work with the LA to support this children to the best we can. The children have not got plans started and many of them are in the Nursery 2 year which means there is not enough time to get enough in place for them to attend the right setting for them.

#### **The Castle Approach**

We have met with key partners on Castle Vale to promote the Castle Approach. We were due to start Stay and Play sessions in November but have hit another National Lockdown. However, we feel that it is the 'Castle Approach' that is the reason we have the number of SEN children we have. Most of the children have been signposted by Health.

Autumn numbers (to be confirmed)	2019	2020
<b>Total number of children</b>	146	135
<b>Number of Free School Meals</b>	45	55
<b>Pupil Premium</b>	50	56
<b>Children entitled to 3 year old 15 hours universal funding</b>	84	83
<b>Of those, how many entitled to additional 15 hours (30 hours with code)</b>	26	18
<b>Children entitled to 15 hours 2 year old funding</b>	58	48
<b>2 year olds paying for hours</b>	2	2
<b>Children Topping up (extra 15 Hours £75per week)</b>	6	4
<b>Looked After Children (LAC) or post LAC - now called Children in Care (CIC)</b>	5	5
<b>Children with English as an additional Language (EAL)</b>	6	8
<b>Number of children who have deferred entry to school</b>	1	2
<b>Children subject to a Child Protection plan or Child in Need</b>	7	5
<b>Children with Early Help Plans</b>	3	0
<b>Children on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities register (SEND)</b>	34	44
<b>Children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)</b>	2	1 (2)
<b>Number of fixed or permanent exclusions</b>	0	0

