24th June 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are rapidly approaching the end of the summer term, 2020, and the wealth of postings on Class Dojo from our pupils in the home setting, and within school, must be recognised. Being able to feedback on Reading, Writing, Maths, Spanish and Foundation subjects has continued to connect staff with their children.

We only have three more weeks with our Year 6 children, but to read some of their extended essays, recently, on the Cold War; Art work based on Juan Miro (a Spanish Artist) has been inspirational and has shown the power of our ‘blended’ learning approach during this period. I personally want to acknowledge their attitude to learning and praise the engagement we have seen with the daily lessons.

I also want to thank the pupils and their parents, who are working tirelessly to post daily work from their Academy lessons for feedback from the staff. All staff post a daily message to all children on the Class Dojo platform. It was great to learn the Oak Academy will continue to provide this outstanding learning platform across the next academic year.

The health, safety and welfare of all our staff and children remains our priority. We continue to take safe, slow and sustainable steps. We will continue to follow the ‘preferable’ 2 metre distance rule within our school setting (‘…two metres is safer that one metre’ - Medical Adviser 23rd June).

As our numbers have increased, it has become necessary to agree ‘drop off’ and ‘pick up’ times in order to reduce the risk of transmission. Again, I want to thank parents for their flexibility in supporting this and the respect shown for our safety.

Across next week, our ‘bubbles’ are now full in the YR, Y1 and Y6, and we only have a small number of places for anyone who has directly returned to work with no one at home to support their child. I know many parents would like their child to return, as we approach the end of term, but I must follow the guidance in that Key Workers (defined at Kirk Langley as directly within their workplace), Vulnerable and Disadvantaged pupils take priority.

If you are required to return to the workplace, please contact the school via email to: headteacher@kirklangley.derbyshire.sch.uk or phone the office before 3pm Monday to Friday.

As always, please do not hesitate to ask for clarification on any information about remote ‘blended’ learning.

Keep safe,

Mrs Jayne Stevenson