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BREDILAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

The children are all doing so well, settling in, and will soon be back in the swing of the routine!

Learning Support and Catch Up

As we work with the children, during the next few weeks, our priority is assessing the levels they have reached in Reading, Writing and Numeracy and identifying any gaps in learning, while ensuring that they are safe and are coping with being back in the school environment.

Following our assessments, there will be a programme of very focussed support for all those who need it, to ensure that any child who has fallen behind during lockdown, will be supported to catch up. This of course will be different for every child and the length of time this will take will also be different for each child. To increase and focus the teaching and learning, Mr Rigmand, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Callaghan and I will be doing extra teaching with individuals and small groups of children, over the coming weeks and months, to tackle any gaps that may have appeared.

When the children in Primary 4 to 7 return, hopefully in a few weeks, we will be doing the same for them.

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)

Each year, the government gives a sum of money called Pupil Equity Funding (PEF), straight into school budgets, for head teachers to use to close the *poverty related attainment gap*. Each year my priority has been to increase the teaching staff to make sure our standards of teaching, learning and attainment in Brediland stay as high as they are – we are very proud of the standards our children have achieved.

Each year, I have consulted with staff, children and parents on my spending plans for this money. Each year, all school staff opt for spending the money on increasing school staff to work with individuals and small groups. The majority of parents opt for spending the money on increasing school staff and the children usually ask for games or resources; many of them would like a swimming pool!

This year, following weeks and weeks of disruption to learning, the need to increase teaching staff is more pressing than ever, therefore, I intend to spend the PEF money to do so.

I have created a questionnaire, to give you the opportunity to contribute to the general planning for the school session starting in August 2021; I usually send out a paper questionnaire in February, and I always read every one that is returned. This year, you can give your views in the questionnaire via the following link - [MS Forms Survey](#). I will read and consider all suggestions. We want to build on the teamwork between home and school that has been strengthened during the two spells of remote learning and hope that you do too.

Please be assured that during this time of uncertainty, that you can rely on us to assess what needs to be done and then provide the best education we possibly can for your child.

Yours sincerely

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