

Weekly Word

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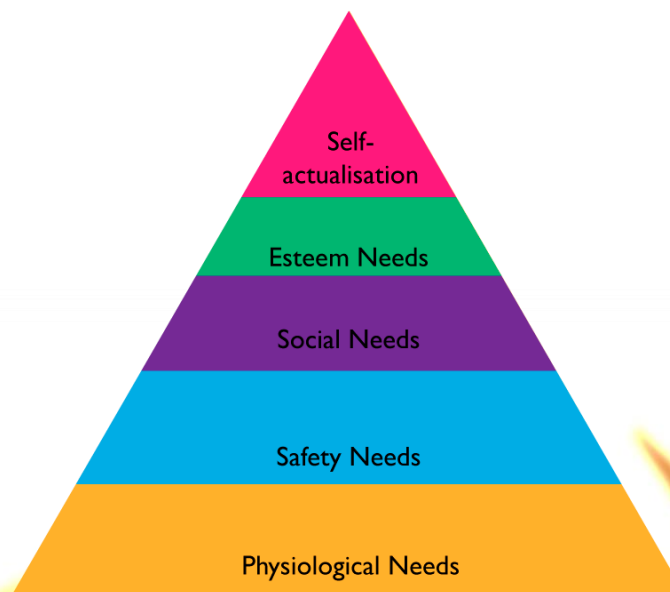
To all Parents/Carers,

T-Minus 10 days till we all return...

I hope you are all well and still managing to navigate this latest lockdown – let's hope this mild sunny weather continues as it makes a huge difference! There isn't too much to report in this Weekly Word as you have all been sent lots of information over the last few days; not least the 'Back to School' Plan and amended risk assessment for a full reopening. Please read these carefully as there have been a few changes made. All documents can also be found [here](#) on the school website.

Whilst I was on that page on the website I had a scroll down to March 2020 and suddenly found myself trying to take stock of what has actually happened over the last 12 to 14 months – which is not easy, for any of us in fact. There is, undoubtedly, much healing which needs to take place in the community and we hope it can start in school on 8th March. With this in mind, we met as a staff last night and talked about the huge potential of the recovery curriculum and how it can play its part in this process. We also talked about something called the Hierarchy of Need. It dates back to the 1940s (with a chap called Abraham Maslow) and pops up regularly in school. The diagram below is a simplified illustration of what he believes individuals need, with one completed layer feeding on to another like the building of a brick wall.

From a school perspective we recognise that as much as there will be educational gaps for all the children, few of these can be filled in a sustainable way without giving the children the opportunity to reconnect with their peers, reconnect with teaching staff and reconnect with the whole concept of school life and a stamina for learning (the purple/social layer) – plus lots of smiles in between! This is why the recovery curriculum is so integral to what we want to achieve as it provides plenty of these opportunities. Then once this reconnection has begun, the capacity for filling those gaps in that sustained way is increased.



And finally, parent/carer meetings have now been confirmed for week beginning the 22nd March. They will be done over the phone like last time and the booking system will be open next week.

Have a good weekend and see you soon

Mr I. Johnson