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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you all well and coping with the current situation. Again, I would like to thank you for the support you have shown your children throughout this time. It has also been lovely seeing the positive comments coming in to teachers – they have helped keep us all going.

Limited space in school

This week all the teachers and LSA who are able to, have returned to school. Up until this time, they have been on a rota, now they are back to their usual times. Those who cannot return due to shielding etc. are taking over all the planning and marking for the home learning, leaving those in school to focus on the children in school. The maximum number of children we can fit into a bubble is 15; the majority of our classrooms will hold 12, some 15. As you can appreciate, with having fewer teachers and LSAs in school, and vastly reduced class sizes, the number of children we can have in school are limited.

Coming in to school / collection

Thank you for trying to stick to the staggered drop off and collection times. We also appreciate you using the one-way system and social distancing as much as possible whilst on site.

The times for drop off and collection have been staggered so we don't have too many parents in school at the same time. Please can you ensure you arrive to drop off your child and collect your child **at the times specified**. We are noticing some parents are coming in to school 10 to 20 minutes early and there are times when it is getting busier than it needs to be.

If you are dropping off several siblings at different times, we have asked you to come in when the earliest needs to be in school; that is 8.45am for Year 1, and 9.00am for Reception and Year 6. Key worker children can be dropped off at any time between 8.30am and 9.00am.



As there are more parents coming into school now, can the key worker parents now follow the one-way system and once you have dropped off your child, continue to walk down the side of the school to the side gate.

Reception, Year 1 and Nursery and Year 6 return

We have had a gradual but successful return to school for more of our children. It has been lovely having them back, the classrooms have been empty for too long. Although it is different for them, they are enjoying learning together again. A big thank you to the parents for trying to stick to the social distancing as much as possible. The children have all been very sensible and understand that they need to stay in their bubbles. We have been overwhelmed with the number of Year 6 children wanting to come back to school – although not too surprised. I understand them wanting to finish their last year here before they leave. To that end, we having four Year 6 bubbles. This will put the school at almost full capacity. Whether they are in school or not, we will have this time with them to continue their education and continue to teach them as much English and maths as we can to ensure they are ready for their move to high school. It has been lovely seeing the Year 6 back in school today.

School Reports

The teachers have been busy over the last few weeks writing the annual school reports. The reports this year will be written about the time you child was in school – September through to March. The attainment grade on a report is focused on where they are at the **end** of the academic year. As they have not been in school and assessments were last done in March, many of the children will still be **working towards** the end of year expectation and not met them yet, and in Reception they will be **emerging**. The reports will be emailed to you on Friday 19 June. Please check Edulink to ensure your email address is up to date.

Classes for next academic year.

As teachers, we want the best experience for all the children in school. To this end we have been considering the children in the classes, looking at their individual needs, personalities and behaviours; for all children to have the best experience the classes need to be balanced across the year group. To achieve this, it is necessary for us to mix the classes in each year group. This will give children opportunities to make new friends, learn in a different environment and to hopefully sort out any issues between children. The class teachers are working together to ensure that friends are together in the new classes and that where some children who do have issues with others, they are in different classes. Please let your child's class teacher know if you have concerns. The new class lists will also come out on Friday 19 June and children will not be moved unless it in extreme circumstances.

Transition

At this time of year, we would usually be preparing to have some time where we transition the children and they get to know their new teacher. This year we will not be able to do this, so we will be having a week working on a topic which is 'All about



me!' This will be happening on the week beginning Monday 22 June. This week will start with the teachers preparing a presentation for the children all about them. The work completed during the week will be to create a video, power point, or information text all about the children for their new teachers. Year 6 – we will be forwarding yours onto your high schools! Hopefully in that week the new teachers can have a Teams meeting with the children in their new class so they can talk and get to know each other better. This transition will also include an opportunity for parents to complete information about their child that they would like their new teacher to know. As teachers, we will be getting together to 'handover' the children, but it always helps if the parents can be part of that handover too.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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