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Dear Parents,

As you may already know the DfE have released guidance to schools on schools opening in September. I am currently working through this with the staff and as soon as we have the details I will be writing to you outlining what that will look like. If there are no changes to guidance we are planning and hoping to have all the children back in school, with health and safety measures in place. As you can imagine this is quite a detailed job and we will be in touch as soon as this is completed.

Currently as much as we would love to have all the children back in our school, the site is simply not big enough to achieve this safely. It is also important to remember that as always we continue to follow the guidance which at present states that;

'There is no expectation on primary schools to welcome back additional children where they do not have capacity to do so, and they should only do so where they can accommodate more children while still following the approaches set out in this guidance and their own risk assessment. Where schools have capacity, they may choose to welcome back additional pupils.'

'From the week commencing 1 June 2020, we are asking primary schools to welcome back children in nursery, Reception, year 1 and year 6, alongside priority groups.' DfE

Even though it has been a tricky time, one of the main things that keeps me and our school staff and community going is the overwhelming support and positivity from the parents, Thank you, we could not have done this without your ongoing support.

As a community we have come together, if not in person, definitely in our hearts. The school 'bubbles' Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and Key Workers are working smoothly and the home learning continues. The home learning links are also found on our

school website in the Coronavirus tab, under 'Parents'. In the coronavirus tab there is a wealth of information which we hope helps whether you are at home or school.

With regards to the end of term for those of you attending school in the bubbles, the last day for the Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 bubbles will be Tuesday 21st July at the end of the day.

The Key workers would be Wednesday 22nd July at 1pm.

I will be in touch as soon as possible with details about September opening for all, unless guidance changes.

Thank you again to all of you for your patience and resilience in these unusual times. We value your support and continued positive comments and blessings.

Stay safe and God bless
Mrs Sue Woods
Head Teacher