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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your families continue to be safe and well.

Last week, the government announced that all children should return to school in September. As a community, we have to approach this announcement as we have done with each new challenge we have encountered over the past few months; with determination to have all the children back full-time, whilst being mindful that there is still much uncertainty.

Therefore, although there are certain logistical details we need to work out; we are working on a basis that all the children will come back full time in September. Once government and local guidance is more detailed, we will be able to ascertain the details of our approach. It is likely that our classes will be back together as normal, but we will be encouraged to keep the classes separated and to limit points of contact. Therefore, it would not be unrealistic to expect staggered starts and home-times, separate playtimes and no large gatherings such as assemblies. As throughout this situation, our aim has always been to help protect our children, staff and parents from the risk of catching COVID-19. We have always said that whatever we put in place can only help reduce the risk rather than eliminate it. This will remain our priority into September and whilst the numbers nationally will hopefully continue to decline, we ask that you continue to speak to your children and reinforce the importance of good hand hygiene and keeping a distance where possible.

Whatever happens, over the summer break I will endeavour to keep you updated with exactly what you can expect in September.

### **Class Organisation 2020/21**

For September, our teaching structure will remain similar to last year - with one small change. Mrs Newman will teach Class 1 with support from Mrs Moriarty and Mrs Wood. Mrs Kirkham will teach Class 2 with support from Miss Schrader. I will be teaching maths to Year 5/6 every day rather than whole mornings.

## **Clubs**

I would also like to draw your attention to our before and after school activity clubs, running from 7:45 am - 8:45/9:00 am and 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. If you would like more information about pricing and how to book, please see our website. In addition, we plan to run our usual array of clubs, although this might not happen immediately. We will share information about this as soon as we have confirmed days and times.

## **Home Learning**

If you have any home learning from the past four months that you can drop off - it would be really helpful. One of our most important jobs for September will be to work out how we can adapt our teaching and planning to address any issues caused by the closure of the school and this will help us identify any specific areas for development. This is not mandatory, but if you are able, please just put your child's work in an envelope (or six!) and drop them off at some point over the next few weeks.

## **Reception 2020**

We are looking forward to welcoming 8 new reception children in September. They have already begun their transition and will start officially on Monday 14th September 2020, but will have some afternoon visits the week before. I know that the new children and their families will receive a warm welcome from our school community.

## **Curriculum 2020**

Over the past few months we have been working hard to update our curriculum, ready for next year. We would like to invite you to a presentation on our updated curriculum on Tuesday 22nd September at 6pm. All going well, we would like to invite you into school, but if social distancing measures do not allow this, we will look at doing an online version.

## **Class 1 and 2 Welcome Meetings**

As last year, each teacher will host two Welcome Meetings for parents. These will take place on Tuesday 8th September at 3:10 and 3:45 in Class 1 and Class 2. You can find out about routines, homework, expectations etc. and there will be the opportunity to ask questions. There will be a further meeting for reception parents - date to follow.

Best Wishes,

Mr Cook

