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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reopening Plans and Keyworker Care

We are in full swing of plans to reopen, however I can assure you that this has been no easy task. Nothing can be left to chance and therefore every eventuality has to be planned for. This takes time which is why you will get information as we have it.

Our current plan is to have keyworker children back on 1st June. However you must not assume that if you are a keyworker your child can just come back. Attendance has to be confirmed so that bubbles can be planned. We currently have staffing for 7 bubbles of no more than 10 children. So the more key worker bubbles there are the higher the likelihood is that one of the year groups will need to be closed as we will not be able to accommodate. The first year group to close will be Year 6. I urge you to consider whether you really need to use the key worker care and that your job is directly related to the response to Covid-19. Spaces are limited and I will soon have to make decisions as to who to prioritise in this scenario. If you are a key worker using the scheme and you have more than one child, one of which is in the returning year groups then your children will be placed together. This also adds to the numbers in the bubbles so I urge you to consider whether you absolutely need the care. You will get an email today confirming your place in a key worker bubble which I urge you to respond to immediately.

Early Intervention Family Worker

Jane Rogers, our Early Intervention Family worker continues to update you with strategies to help you manage at home, it is attached to this newsletter

Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

We have now planned the bubbles for coming back, dependent on key worker care not surging. We have enough staffing for 7 bubbles of no more than 10 children. This currently includes 2 key worker bubbles. In order for us to get the bubbles ready for action, to be able to train staff to be able to work in a very foreign workplace and to ensure that all policies and agreements are in place we are aiming to open to these wider year groups from **8th June**. This will be subject to any change from the government's announcement next week. I can understand that this may pose some difficulty for those returning to work but I ask that you allow us to plan for this properly. We will only have one chance at getting this right. The government has always said from 1st June, which I have also said a number of times in my communication to you.

Returning to School

We can understand that there is a lot of anxiety around returning to school as it will be very different to the experience your children had before we closed. We are aiming to get some videos and photos out with guides for when the children return so that they can feel safe and happy. We will also expect that you sign agreements regarding entering and leaving the school site and making sure that we are all kept safe at this time.

We will confirm with you before you return and in as far in advance as we possibly can when your child can start back, which bubble they will be in and where and how you should enter and leave the site. We will not be able to release information as to which other children are in your bubble as this is against data and child protection guidance.

I will write to parents and children separately to tell them about the return to school.

Finally...

We will be closing over half term and therefore staff will not be setting home learning. They will be resting ready for the very different world we will re-enter. Thank you for your continued kindness, trust and patience at this unprecedented time. Thank you for reading the copious amount of information that is coming out at the moment and thank you for engaging with me too. I will continue to work hard to update you and make sure school is ready for when we need to be. Stay safe and look after yourselves, have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Claire Worth, Headteacher