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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

We have now seen all bubbles from Holly, Maple and Ash returning to school and are pleased to report that this seems to have been an overwhelmingly positive experience for children and teachers. It has been lovely to catch up with those children who are attending and just hearing their voices in school is a real pleasure.

We have welcomed back 90% of our Year 6 children and almost 70% of our Reception and Year 1 children and working with separate bubbles on a part-time basis has meant we have been able to welcome children back into their usual classrooms with familiar adults and not had to limit access an outdoor space to specific groups or operate complicated rules and restrictions about toilet use or moving around the building. This has meant that the experience for children has been more relaxed than it might otherwise have been.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for coping so well with very new (and complicated) arrangements around drop off and pick up. On the whole this has worked very smoothly, but please can I remind you that children should only bring a water bottle, packed lunch (if not ordering one from school) and sunhat and/or raincoat into school. Extra bags etc get in the way of the regular cleaning of classrooms and cloakrooms that we have to undertake.

If you are still considering sending in your child from Reception or Year 1, or need Key Worker provision, please can you contact the office as soon as possible. As a school we are now working on how we continue to effectively support those children and families not prioritized by the Government, and for whom, given the limitations imposed by Government guidance around group sizes, there is unlikely to be any in-school provision before the end of the summer term. I have been pleased to note that many parents have welcomed changes to home learning to encourage writing and we continue to recognize quality home learning provision and contact with class teachers as a priority for all of those families with no access to school.

We are, of course, also planning for September and what a full return looks like, both in terms of practical health and safety measures to minimize infection risks and in supporting children's mental health, wellbeing and learning as they transition back into school after such a lengthy absence.

I hope to be able to communicate these plans to you in more detail once Government guidance becomes clearer and school plans are finalised.

Please can I also remind parents with children currently attending school, that whatever protective measures we take to limit the risks of infection in school, they are only effective if, as a wider community involving staff and families, we are adhering to lockdown and social distancing measures promoted by the Government, so we ask that you please stay alert to dangers outside of school and do not send your child in if they are ill.

Yours faithfully

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