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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a strange term this has been! We have really enjoyed welcoming back some of our pupils and very much look forward to seeing everybody in due course. Our thoughts are now beginning to turn to both the end of this term, and the beginning of the new academic year in September, and we feel it is important to outline some of our plans with you.

We are very aware that many of our pupils have not been in school since March. This is a considerable amount of time and a return in September will amount to nearly six months out of formal school education. Whilst many children will adapt quickly and take the return to school in September in their stride, some others may find it very difficult. For this reason, we feel it would be beneficial to welcome back Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 for one day prior to the start of the summer holidays. Depending upon the number of children attending, each of these year groups will be split in to two bubbles and have the opportunity to spend time with their teachers and each other.

In order to facilitate this in a safe and manageable manner, and in line with our risk assessments, it is necessary to alter the arrangements currently in place for Years R, 1 and 6, most of whom are currently attending school. Therefore, we propose the following:

- The last day of term for our Reception and Year 1 bubbles will be Thursday 16th July. Up until this date, the current arrangements will stay in place.
- The last day of term for our Year 6 bubbles will be Tuesday 21st July. Up until this date, the current arrangements will stay in place. Details regarding leavers' celebrations will follow in due course.
- Years 2 and 4 will be invited to attend school on Monday 20th July.
- Years 3 and 5 will be invited to attend school on Tuesday 21st July.
- Our September 2020 EYFS intake will be invited to attend a transition activity on Wednesday 22nd July.
- Key worker children will continue to be accommodated, by request, up to and including Wednesday 22nd July.

“Classrooms are a hive of purposeful activity because pupils very positive attitudes to learning mean they approach every new day with a thirst for new knowledge.” Ofsted October 2016



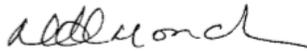
Parents of Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will shortly receive a Parentmail and we kindly ask that you respond to the survey, so that we can plan for exact numbers. Once we have done this, we will communicate the finer details; however, please assume that the school day will be between 9am and 2pm. (We will not insist on full school uniform.)

Please accept our apologies for the short notice regarding the changes to the end of term and for any inconvenience this may cause. However, given the new information received from the DFE, we feel these arrangements will best support all of our children in these unusual times.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Locke

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