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Dear Parent and Carers,

On Thursday last week, an announcement was made by the government of their intention that all children in school would return in September. This is welcome news to staff, parents and children. However, the guidance sent to schools will need unpicking and clarity to how schools will actual run safely will be a topic for discussion in the media over the next few weeks.

One thing that the last few months has taught us is that nothing is certain. This virus is not predictable and has not gone completely. There is much talk of local lock downs and possible second waves. Whilst we all hope this doesn't happen we must be prepared for all eventualities.

A key thing in the guidance is that if there is a positive test result for Covid, in the school, the 'bubble', which is a whole class and the staff who work in that bubble, will have to immediately go home and isolate for 14 days. There would be no exceptions, including for key workers. With this in mind please can you ensure that the school office have an up to date contact number for the primary carer and at least one other person to contact. You will also need to have in place arrangements for who will be able to look after your child during isolation.

There will be lots more practical arrangements and changes that will need to happen in school to make the environment as safe as possible and I will write to you before September to ensure information is as up to date as possible.

We have been planning for various scenarios in terms of children's learning.

We have started to put together a 'Recovery Curriculum'. This will be for Term 1 and 2 and then be reviewed. Each morning will start with a Well-being activity. We are very conscious that returning to school may cause various emotions in children and staff. We want children to be relaxed, happy and ready to learn

and time spent each day thinking about well-being is critical in achieving this. Key skills in Maths and English will be mostly taught in the morning. In the afternoon, small group work will focus on misconceptions in English and Maths and some catch up from topics that would have been taught in term 5 and 6 this academic year. It is important that we still deliver a broad and balanced curriculum so staff are working on how to be creative in the way that children can learn in other subjects given the number of barriers that we face.

There will now be a class newsletter in September giving you more information on what is being taught in your child's class.

School reports last went out in February, about a month before lockdown. Statutorily, schools only have to send home one written report a year. We would normally do two. We have made the decision that there will not be a second report at the end of this term.

Normally, dates for all the events for next year would be given now so parents have that information well in advance. However, with so much uncertainty it will be better to give out event dates for Term 1 and 2 in September. We are planning events, such as a Sports week in September, which was missed in July, but this is dependent on the situation regarding Covid. Other missed events such as Bikeability have been rearranged or we are discussing dates for things like swimming. We are trying to incorporate as many of the missed events as we can but as you can imagine that may not be possible for all. As soon as dates are fixed we will inform you.

Term dates and staff development days have been finalised. They are:

Term 1

Staff development days Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September.
Children return to school Thursday 3rd September except new reception class.
Term 1 ends Friday 23rd October.

Term 2

Staff development day Monday 2nd November.
Children return to school Tuesday 3rd November.
Term 2 ends Friday 18th December.

Term 3

Children return to school Monday 4th January.

Term 3 ends Thursday 11th February.

Staff development day Friday 12th February.

Term 4

Children return to school Monday 22nd February.

Term 4 ends Thursday 1st April

Term 5

Children return to school Monday 19th April.

Term 5 ends Friday 28th May

Term 6

Children return to school Monday 7th June.

Term 6 ends Tuesday 20th July

Staff development day Wednesday 21st July

One year group that we are very sad to see leave, particularly under the circumstances we find ourselves in at the moment are Year 6. This group of children, many who have been with us for 7 years will be going to secondary school in September. They are a fabulous group of children who I know will go on to do great things in the future. There will be a virtual leavers service and a socially distanced picnic for them at the end of term.

Classes for next year will be:

Year group	Class	Teacher	Learning Support Assistants
R	Butterfly	Miss Hughes	Mrs Brown Mrs Sigsworth
1	Squirrel	Miss Mason	Mrs Browning Miss Risbridger
2	Bumble Bee	Mr Bainborough	Miss Borthwick Mrs Tapsell

3	Rabbit	Mrs Hawkes	Mrs Cooper Mrs Glover
4	Dragonfly	Miss Allchin	Mrs Harris Mrs Nind Mrs Swan (1 day)
5	Fox	Mrs Amott	Miss Donoghue Mrs Hudson
6	Hedgehog	Mrs Murray (DHT) Mrs Evans Miss Tapsell	Ms Brown Mrs Swan (2 days)

We are delighted to welcome two new teachers, Miss Hughes who will be teaching in Year R and Mrs Hawkes who will be teaching in Year 3. Mrs Deacon will be going on maternity leave in September. There will be two teachers in Year 6 at any one time and we will be using the meeting room which will be called Hedgehog nest and used as an extra Year 6 classroom.

We will be selling school uniform in the playground on Monday 20th July 1:30-2:30pm. Exact money only or cheques payments only. The school office will be open on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd Sept from 10:00-12:00 to sell uniform as well.

I know that staff and parents have many questions about the future and I sincerely wish I had all the answers but we will keep you as informed as we can. Every person's experience in the last few months has been different. Life will not return to normal for months yet. Working together we will ensure that our children grow from this experience and become stronger.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Pearson