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Dear Parents/Carers,

Opening of school to children in Years 2 - 5

Further to the government announcement today that schools are now not being expected to reopen to pupils in the above year groups, we wanted to outline our position in relation to this.

We understand the difficulties and frustrations for you if you are in the position where your children are keen to return to school but they have not fallen into the specified year groups of children who were allowed back from 1 June. We understand that this may be exacerbated by your working arrangements, siblings who may be in school or a desire to try to return to some semblance of normality.

We were incredibly fortunate as a school that our designated year groups of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 were in three separate class bases already and each had no more than 15 in a group so we didn't have to canvass parental opinion or split bubbles of children within a year group. We were able to provide a place for every child who requested one from each of these year groups. The children in the keyworker group had already been working in Class 3 and the logistics of our building means that each of these four groups has been able to have their own designated entrances and exits and separate places to play outside. We are fortunate that we have been able to offer more than many schools in terms of provision.

However, we are already almost at capacity with the number of children we have in school in terms of the space available to them in the classrooms. We are at capacity in terms of staffing levels, with two consistent adults per group enabling the necessary regular cleaning regime to take place as well as to maintain supervision and teaching of the children.

This means that unfortunately we are unable, at this time, to envisage a situation where children in Years 2 – 5 will be able to return to school for an extended period of time before the summer holidays. This is not a decision that we have taken lightly; the staff are upset that they will not be able to have their classes together again and we are aware that children may find this distressing too but unfortunately, we are constrained by the social distancing regulations as well as logistical and safety reasons. Having met with the teachers after school tonight, we have agreed that we are really keen to be able to offer some time during the last week of the summer term for children in Year 2 and Year 4 to say farewell to Mrs Dobson and Mrs Rayner and also some time for children in Years 2 – 5 to be with their new class teacher. Please bear with us as we finalise the details of how this can be implemented as safely as possible; we will provide further details nearer the time. If anything should change in the meantime, and we are able to provide a more comprehensive transition package for these children, we will of course keep you updated.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this. Should you have any further questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Yours sincerely,

Judi Jackson
Headteacher

Hugh Porter
Chair of Governors

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