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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you are all well. Once again we would like to thank you for all your lovely messages of support and for keeping us up to date with what your children are doing whilst at home.

Return of Reception and Nursery Children

In line with the requirement for a wider re-opening of schools, we welcomed back Nursery and Reception pupils last week. It has been lovely to see the children and we have been impressed by their resilience, independence and ability to take on new and strange routines, almost without question, and to help us to keep everyone safe. Each of the three N/R 'bubbles' has one or two members of staff and because we have had to follow government guidance and limit the size of the groups, we are using every available member of staff. Unfortunately, this has meant that we have been unable to accommodate any other year groups, other than the children who qualify for the essential Keyworker/Vulnerable groups (of which we now have 3 bubbles). We know how extremely disappointed parents and carers will be that we are unable to offer more opportunities for the rest of our children, but we are following the government guidelines. We are aware that the government is planning for all children to be back in school in September, we will update you about this once we have received government guidance.

Annual Reports

This year, to avoid parents having to come to school to collect annual Reports, we will be emailing all reports to parents tomorrow (26th June). This report informs you how he/she was on track to perform against Age Related Expectations. If you do not receive a copy of your child's Report please contact the school office. We are not reporting annual attendance as the government has removed this requirement due to the pandemic. If you would like to discuss your child's report with their class teacher, please email the teacher to make an appointment for a telephone call.

Contact with staff

We know how much you really appreciate the email contact you have had with staff since we began lockdown. As we are sure you can appreciate, all staff (other than those shielding) are now working in school full time so may not respond to your emails as quickly as they have done previously.

We have had a lot of positive feedback from the Teams Meetings staff have had with the children. We will be doing more of these between now and the end of term. The next one will be an opportunity for your child to meet their new class teacher.



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Class organisation for September

Mrs Johnston and Mrs Briggs may not be returning to school in September as they are likely to be starting their maternity leave, we would like to wish them both well on their journey to parenthood. Miss Taylor will be staying for another year and we will be welcoming back Mrs Neale, who some of you may remember has previously taught in Year 1. We will be welcoming Miss Alexander as our Early Years Lead. She is an experienced teacher who has recently relocated to the area. Both Mrs Neale and Miss Alexander are really looking forward to joining our team.

The provisional staffing for September is:

Early Years – Miss Alexander

Year 1 – Mrs Bowman

Year 2 – Miss Allen

Year 3 – Mrs Neale

Year 4 – Miss Taylor

Year 5 – Mrs Harland + Mrs Shippen

Year 6 – Miss Davidson

Staff

Finally, we are sure that you would want to join us in sincerely thanking all of the staff at the school, working in any capacity, for their continued and unfailing support and for going above and beyond for our children. We are extremely appreciative of the huge efforts that they have all made during these unprecedented times.

Many thanks for your support.

Kind regards,

S. Whelerton and J Boyd



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