Friday 15th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to show my huge appreciation to everyone who has sent letters, cards and emails of thanks. All the wonderful messages, gifts and videos showing your gratitude towards myself and my staff during what has been the most difficult time really does mean so much to us all.

It has been extremely difficult making decisions that suit every individual situation, especially when we don’t have all the answers to the many questions we have. As I’m sure you will know the Government stated Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 would be the first children returning to school. This for us is the majority of our school and therefore could potentially be a large number of children. That is why during this week I have been trying to establish an idea of just how many children we might expect to return to school should this go ahead on the 1st June. I know you have many questions that are impossible for me to answer at this time. I would however, like to reassure you that when children do return, their safety and the safety of my staff will be as always paramount. If you decide you would like to keep your children at home and continue with the activities provided for longer that is absolutely reasonable and of course your decision.

Unfortunately at this moment in time I am unable to give you a detailed plan of how we will return. However I can try to make a few things clear: Classes will have a much smaller number of children so they have adequate space. They will have the same staff with them on each day they are in school. Each class will stay together as an independent unit and not come into contact with any of the other classes. While we have had the children of key workers in school we have been following a very strict routine for cleaning and this will continue. It is likely we will have staggered drop off and collection times and routes to follow will be clearly marked. Of course I will be asking adults to abide by the two meter social distancing rule at all times.

It is my first priority to establish how many children and staff I am likely to have returning to school if this goes ahead on the 1st June. Only then will I be able to make more detailed plans and provide everyone with the necessary information to take us forward. All I ask at this moment in time is that you consider your position carefully and inform us (if you have not done so already) of your possible intentions. I sincerely hope that we will have the opportunity to work with our Year 2 children again before their move in September and I will do everything I can to make this possible. Please note that all information given is subject to change as Government guidance is updated frequently.

Once again thank you for your wonderful support and understanding, please do not hesitate in phoning the school office if you would like to discuss this further.

Take care and best wishes.

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