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Dear Parents & Carers

We hope that you all continue to be well.

It has been great to see how the children have interacted with their new teachers over the last two days. We hope that this has given you the chance to get to know them better and to start communicating with them in readiness for September. We hope that you enjoyed the introductory videos! Please feel free to keep in touch with your child's new teacher over the next two weeks if there is anything that you want to discuss before the end of term. You can also contact us or our school office team if you have any other queries.

As you may have seen yesterday the government released its guidance to schools for full opening in September. We've already gone through this as a senior leadership team and begun to make plans for what this means for our school. We will send out a letter, before the end of term that begins to outline our plans and give you more information. We are working on the idea that we will keep as much as we can the same as our normal school day would be. However, we know that we will have to make some changes in order to try to limit contact across year groups wherever possible. We will try to keep disruption to our normal routines to a minimum whilst also considering the infection control measures that need to be put in place.

We have also decided that we will not be open for any provision for key worker children over the summer break. We have a number of building and maintenance jobs scheduled over the six weeks break and we also feel that the staff need to have time to be fully rested in preparation for what will be a challenging Autumn Term. Many of the staff have been working without a break since February and it is important that we look after everyone's health and well-being so that we are fighting fit and ready to support your children from September. We will also have jobs to do on site during August to prepare for opening to all pupils.



At the moment we are continuing to provide places in school for key worker and other priority children in Y3, Y4 & Y5 as well as places for children in Y6. We have now reached capacity in our Year 6 groups and have a few spaces available for key worker pupils in the other year groups. We now have 85 pupils accessing the school provision on a daily basis.

Next week's Home Learning

Next week the Home Learning will have a very different feel. We are so amazed by your efforts that have gone in to keep learning going at home over the past three months that we decided it was time for us to change the focus for the final two weeks.

We would like everyone to take part in a whole school 'Love Project'. As you know one of our character strengths for this half term is 'Love' so we thought that by doing a whole school project based around this it would give us a chance to bring everyone together before the end of term.

In the usual Home Learning section of the school website you will find a folder called 'Love Project'. Within that folder there are 20 activities that you can do over the course of the week. It's up to you which ones you do and the order that you do them in. You may even find some other ideas of your own and if you do please share them with us and we can then send them out to everyone to access if they want to.

All we ask is that you send us photos and videos of the things you do so that we can then put them altogether in one of brilliant school videos to share with you before the end of term to celebrate our amazing school community. Please just communicate as normal through your child's current class teacher using Class Dojo.

We have other plans for the final week but more on that in next week's letter!

Keep going everyone! You are all doing a brilliant job and it continues to be a pleasure to support you and your children in any way we can.

Best wishes to everyone.

Mrs S Frost
Headteacher

Mr Paul Rafferty
Chair of Governors

