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Dear Parents and Carers

Weekly Update:

It certainly has been a busy week in school and the children have been super excited to be seeing friends and enjoying lessons again. This week we welcomed back our year 1 pupils and it was wonderful to see them reunited with their friends and teachers.

We are delighted that we will also be able to accommodate our Year 2 pupils for the last three weeks of the school year. As I explained in last week's update, this will be the last year group we are able to bring into school. We are still accommodating our keyworker and vulnerable pupil groups in Y3, 4 and 5 but these groups will be located on the middle floor from next week so that the year 2 group can be in their own classes.

This week we had 4 virtual meetings with parents whose children will start in Nursery and Reception next year. It was a first for us at Star to have a virtual parents meeting but it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces with a few of our children popping on too!

Over the next three weeks we are very busy preparing things for the next year. You will be receiving a parent mail letter shortly, informing you of the class teacher for next year. We will be making some significant changes to the way we operate within the school.

I have already shared with you the plan to have 4 classes instead of 3 in Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 6. This means that children in these classes will have fewer pupils in them.

This also means that **Year 2 pupils will now be in the middle floor** instead of the ground floor and **Year 3 pupils will be moving to the top floor.**

We will also be changing the way the lunch and play times operate and will be mixing children across the year groups to enjoy these times together.

We are also asking the governing body to consider moving the times of the school day for a trial period from 8am to 2pm. This will allow parents to drop their children to school at 7:50 and still have plenty of time to commute to work without needing to pay for breakfast club. Once the governors have decided on this issue, I will be doing a wider consultation with parents, with more details about how this could work.

On Monday, 6th July, we will be handing out and uploading the last working packs of the year. Please make sure that your child has access to the work that we are providing. It is really important for them to stick to the home learning programme or be in school until the official start of the summer holidays.

On this note I want to please urge parents to exercise extreme caution during this period. Scenes of overcrowded parks and beaches are of great concern to me. We must try our very best to maintain limited social contact or we will be risking a second peak. It would be almost unthinkable if for that reason we could not reopen to all pupils in September. I know you have worked extremely hard during this very difficult time, and it is very tempting to think that we are completely over the worst. However, we must put the safety of our families and children first.

My very best wishes,
Ms Von

