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Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Update:

I apologise in advance for the amount of information contained in this weekly update. As we near the end of the school year, I know that there are more questions than answers at the moment and I will try and cover as much as possible in this update.

It is wonderful to have the R, Y1, 2 and 6 children back in school. So far all is well and we have had no incidents concerning co-vid 19 at school. Children are getting on brilliantly with the new arrangement and I am very proud of the way they are all coping.

I do need to please remind parents that if you have opted to keep children at home in these year groups, or have children in other year groups that are not open, you have a responsibility to ensure they are supervised at all times. They cannot be outside unsupervised in the community because it is unsafe for them to do so. We have had to deal with an incident this week where two of our pupils were reported to the police for anti-social behaviour, which is extremely disappointing.

Within the next two weeks you will be receiving a parent mail letter informing you of your child's class group and teacher for next year. This letter will also be sent out in the post, so please do make sure we have the accurate address for you. Once you receive this information, you will be able to access a welcome video from your child's new class teacher. This will help the children to see who their new teacher will be and explain a bit more about where their new class will be. As I have already shared with you, there will be quite a bit of movement of children into new class groups next year, as we will be implementing a 4 form model (4 smaller class sizes) in R, Y1, 2, 3 and 6. Year 4 and 5 will be in slightly bigger class sizes of up to 30 pupils.

We have received the updated government guidelines for September just yesterday. You will be aware that the expectation will be for all children to return to school from September. I know you will continue to be anxious about this, but we will be doing everything we possibly can to make sure that we adhere to the strict Public Health England Advice at all times.

**Some key plans that we are putting in place for September:**

- Smaller class sizes in R, Y1, 2, 3 and 6
- **Changing the times of the school day from 8am -2pm** (detailed guidance about this will follow early next week)
- A recovery homework club for pupils who have not been able to access work at home during lockdown (Until 3pm)
- Class/Year group bubbles with new arrangements for play and lunchtime

The government has stated in its guidance that it will be compulsory for all children to attend school from September. In order to help children get used to the new arrangements in school, we will be using **the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September to stagger the start for KS1 and 2 children**. Reception children will start a phased entry from **the 7<sup>th</sup> September**.

Next week we will be sending you key information regarding next year. If you have any questions and concerns please remember that you can call the helpdesk or email the school and we will try and answer all questions. On Monday we will be sending out the last home learning packs for the next two weeks. Please make sure that you try and keep going with the home learning until the end of the term on the 17<sup>th</sup> July.

On a final note I would like to ask parents once again to please take every precaution necessary to keep yourself and your children safe. We are in a very delicate phase right now, and in order to not risk a second spike, we all have to try and adhere to continued social distancing guidance. More shops, pubs and hairdressers will be opening this weekend. Please do your bit to make sure we don't have a second peak in our community. Stay safe.

Ms Von

