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Friday 12th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope you are all well. With the lockdown restrictions being loosened it can be a hard time for families. There is always someone at school who you can talk to. Please ring the office if you'd like a chat with a member of staff.

We have been working hard placing Reception and Year 1 children in bubbles. Those who have said they want to return have been placed in a bubble for 2 days a week and will have received an e mail with all of the details. As yet we are unable to open up Nursery due to staffing. If this changes we will of course let you know.

We are planning ways of inviting our Year 2 children back, before they start Junior school. We think this will be very beneficial for the children, parents and staff. We would like this to be at some point in the last week of term. We will send a survey out to all year 2 parents early next week and when we have the numbers we will make a plan. It is important to us that the Year 2 children have time with their teachers and friends before they leave us.

Important:

School will close earlier than the end of term, **on Friday 10th July**, for **Reception and Year 1 children** in bubbles 4a,4b,5a,5b,6a,6b,7a,7b,9a,9b. This is to enable our Year 2 children to come back. Otherwise it would not be possible. Bubbles 1,2,8 for identified vulnerable and key worker children will continue until the end of term – **Friday 17th July**.

Some of you might be anxious about what school will look like in September. I am hoping that we receive information and guidance about this in the next few weeks. As it stands I don't know any more than you do. I would like to be able to set a plan before the summer holidays. I will keep you informed if I hear anything. You will receive details of your children's new class and teacher in next Friday's newsletter.

I think all of our families have been incredible and shown amazing resilience. None of us knew that children would be out of school for this length of time and this has put pressures on families. I think if we'd have known in advance it would have been even more difficult to cope with. However I think all of us have found positives amongst the hard times and these positives will continue beyond the pandemic. For me the positives are the strength of community and unity. Mousehold is a strong team.

Keep looking after yourselves and each other.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Rebecca Westall
Headteacher

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