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Dear Parents,

As we come towards the end of a most unusual year we know that parents will be keen to know about arrangements for September 2020.

In terms of safety procedures for re-opening fully in September, we are waiting to hear the government plans later this week. We will follow government guidelines and mitigation procedures to ensure that school is as safe as possible.

New Headteacher Meeting

When schools closed in March we were hoping that the new Headteacher would have been able to organise a face-to-face welcome meeting with parents in the hall before the end of the summer term. Of course that has not been possible but we hope that a meeting or series of smaller meetings can take place in September. Information will follow as soon as possible and Mr Flint will also be sending another letter to parents before the end of term.

Staffing and organisation of groups from Sept 2020

Over the last few weeks we have reviewing the budget and staffing for September 2020. The children will continue to be registered in two classes, Reception/KS1 and KS2. (Year 3,4 and 6). There are currently no Year 5 children in September. Children will continue to work in a variety of groupings at different times and for different areas of the curriculum as they do now eg. Small groups, family groups, mixed age groups, year groups, full keystage.

- Mrs Knight will be increasing to a full time contract so there will be two full-time teachers
- Existing teaching assistant hours have been reallocated to increase support, mainly in KS2.
- A new part-time HLTA (Higher level teaching assistant), Jasmine Barratt, has been appointed to work across the school, mainly with Rec/KS1.

Reception Induction

The induction and staggered start for new Reception pupils has been delayed and will now commence on Monday 7th September. Separate information will follow for parents with children starting in Reception.

KS1 and KS2

Currently, only Year Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 have been able to return to school. All other year groups, will return to school on Thursday 3rd September. We anticipate that there will still be a staggered start and collection times and guidelines around clothing, equipment and adults / parents not entering the building etc but we will send out separate information as it becomes available.

Although children know all the staff well and work with them at some point in the week, Year 2 children may be particularly anxious about the idea of moving to Year 3. On the first couple of days, the new Year 3 will be welcomed back into the Woodpecker group for a settling in period and then spend time getting to know their new KS2 group before joining Year 4 and Year 6 full-time on Monday 7th Sept.

I hope that this information will help to prepare children and parents for September. Please note that information in this letter is subject to change depending on government and DCC guidelines. Please contact us by email if you have any queries and as soon as there is more information, the Governors and Mr Flint will be in touch.

With very best wishes to everyone. Stay safe.

Julie Dunbar
Headteacher



