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Dear Parent/Carers,

COVID-19 - Update for Parents 12th June 2020

I hope you are all well and keeping safe. The government have issued several statements about schools over the last week. We expect further information to follow next week, in particular regarding the next group of eligible pupils to return to school if schools have the capacity to take them.

Having had the opportunity to speak to parent and staff, I know that many people had felt a mix of relief and anxiety as we entered the next stage of a phased re-opening of our school. However, I could not be prouder of our community as we have embraced the changes and adapted to ensure that the pupils can once again enjoy their education. Thank you for all the emails and comments about the smooth transition back into school.

'My child's first week back was a breeze for him and that's all because of you. Your preparation, your thoughtfulness your dedication is second to none. The emails, the weekly phone calls, the virtual tour, the updates, it has all attributed to me feeling very happy when I drop off my pupil into your care that he is safe and well and very happy. Each and every one of you are amazing.' Year 1 parent.

Currently we have three Key Worker bubbles, two Year 1 bubbles and three Early Years bubbles. We now look forward to opening our two bubbles in Year 6 from Monday. If your child is eligible (Key Worker, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6) and you wish them to return, please do let the school know. Please note that if you chose to send your child in then the expectation is that they are in every day so that this allows for continuity of learning and the consistency for all pupils.

We are delighted 75% of pupils have returned in Reception and 70% in Year 1. The children have had time to settle back in as we have spent a large amount of time on transition. It is now appropriate to start moving learning forward where we will start to close the gap with rigour and ensure that they well prepared for the next year group in September.



Please let me reassure you that staff will continue to plan a range of learning activities to be completed at home for all children, although for the year groups that are eligible to be in, this will continue to be signposting to the lessons on the National Oak Academy and BBC Bitesize websites. As you will appreciate, a great deal of work is being undertaken in ensuring we are continuing to welcome more pupils safely; this includes continually updating and developing guidelines for staff and children and considering the layout of every classroom/learning area.

The health, safety and wellbeing of everyone in our school community are our highest priorities. We have put in place all recommendations that have been made for 'protective measures' as part of our full risk assessment process that is already underway.

We look forward to seeing as many pupils back as feasibly possible in the near future.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Bennett

