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Dear Parents/Carers,

School places filled under the current government guidelines

I hope you and your family are well.

I am writing to update you on our current situation in school. We have followed the government guidance carefully to ensure that all children who returned could be in an environment that is as safe as is possible. We planned classrooms, playgrounds, routes around the school and staggered starts so that we are able to stay two metres apart wherever we can. This means that our school has a limited capacity at this time due to physical restrictions.

Having sent a letter to all parents/carers to establish whether or not they required a place for their child, we are pleased that we were able to offer a place to every request before the bubbles close. However, this means **our school is now full** under the current guidelines. If you did not request a place, your child will not be able to attend school until the Government lift restrictions further in September.

We will continue to provide home-learning for children that are not attending school by signposting to the national websites and offering a 'live' online learning session each day. Those of you whose children are not attending school and are in receipt of free school meals will continue to receive the hampers as you have over the past weeks.

End of Year Reports

We are pleased to provide a report of your child's progress for this academic year up until the point that school closed for most pupils on 20th March 2020. This is a written report that builds on the discussions at the parent teacher evenings to which you were invited in the Autumn and Spring terms.

The End of Year Report concentrates on what your child has learnt, recognising and valuing achievements in different areas of the school life, as well as setting targets for the future.

The reports will be sent out next week and will be sent out electronically class by class on different days of the week. Please email school@bearwood.poole.sch.uk to confirm that you have received and read your child's report, along with any comments you or your child has. If you would like to



discuss your child's report with their class teacher, please also email the school account and we will arrange a suitable time for the teacher to call you.

End of Year Gifts

We have had several enquiries from parents as to whether they are allowed to bring in end of year gifts for teachers. If this is something that you wish to do, then we will ensure that the gift is placed in quarantine before the teacher is able to take it home.

Government Guidance

The Government have updated their guidance on what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus outbreak. They have added information on summer provision, school uniform and a package of support worth £1 billion to support pupils to catch up. They have also updated information on school meals and the Covid Summer Food Fund. The updated guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

The Government have also published guidance for parents and carers setting out what they need to know about changes to after-school clubs, holiday clubs, tuition, community activities and other out-of-school settings for children and young people during the coronavirus outbreak. They have included information on what clubs and activities children and young people can attend, and what new safety measures parents and carers can expect them to have in place. The guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Thank you as always for the way in which you have supported our school during these unprecedented times.

Kind regards,



Mrs Bennett

