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Dear Parents and Carers,

### COVID-19 – School Update for Parents – Letter 5

Thank you so much for bearing with us this week as we put our new 'Bubble' safety measures to the test. We have had some challenges but thankfully we have been able to overcome them. Overall, we have found the week so far to be successful and encouraging for considering the opening of school for other children.

As you may be aware, schools have been asked to expand their provision for children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6. To be able to plan for this, we need to know if you would take up a school place, if it were to be offered. **The Guidance is clear that this is ultimately your decision.** We are unsure if the Government will continue with their original plan of schools being fully open in July to all children. All we can do is work with the guidance that we have and extend the provision as appropriate. The provision offered in school will be similar to the Home Learning Provision currently in place.

#### **For the attention of Parents/Carers of children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 only**

We have set up a Survey Monkey questionnaire on our website and would ask that every parent and carer who has a child in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 complete this please.

We will repeat this exercise towards the end of this month, because you may decide that you do not wish to send your child back to school yet. By the end of June, you may want to send your child back to school for the last couple of weeks of the year if we can safely accommodate this.

The survey will close on Monday 8th June at 8am, so please complete it by then. We will then look at the results and consider different options. If we do not receive a completed survey from you, we will assume that you do not require a school place starting on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

The questions on our website are:

1. Child Name / Class
2. If a place were to be made available from 15<sup>th</sup> June until the end of the academic year for your child, would you accept it? **This is on the understanding that you would need to commit to your child attending school every day.**
3. If you have answered no, would you accept a place if it was offered starting from early July?

#### **For the attention of all Parents/Carers of children in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5**

We have not forgotten you. When the Government releases further Guidance on the provision for your child, we will of course react to this. Rest assured we are always thinking ahead and preparing for every eventuality. The safety of everyone is at the forefront of our minds and we will not promise something that we are unable to deliver.



### **In other news...**

Our staff are about to find out which classes they will be working in next year, so that they can contact their new children now and begin working with them straight away. We envisage that for part of the week until the Summer, your child's new teacher will take over the Home Learning Provision and get to know your child. The teachers are going to work together straight away to hand over their classes in preparation for September.

School Leaders have been working closely with teachers to develop the curriculum for when School reopens so that it is the best it can be and we will be able to hit the ground running! Our aim is to focus on settling your child back into the school environment with lots of work on their emotional wellbeing, friendships and wider school life. We will then dive into our redesigned curriculum with many exciting features that are now waiting for us.

Thanks, as always for your continued support. Do keep in touch and you know where we are if we can support you in anyway.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Johnson'.

**Mr Garry Johnson**  
Head Teacher