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Dear Parents/Carers,

### COVID-19 Update

Last night, during the Prime Minister's briefing, it was confirmed that schools would be reopening from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June for pupils in Year R, Year 1 and Year 6. We are expecting approximately 100 children on Monday but please remember that **if you have not signed your child up for a space then you do not come to the school as we will not have a place for your child.**

The whole staff team have been working exceptionally hard to ensure that school is ready for these children on Monday and just before the half-term holiday, I sent out a letter regarding what this will look like in practice. If you have not already done so, please look at the [School Closure: Phased Return](#) page on our school website.

As I wrote last week, we will be evaluating our plan and then making any necessary changes. Once these are done, we will be writing to parents again to see if there are any families who wish to send their children in from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We felt that it was important that the changes made have a chance to establish and be tested before adding more children to the 'mix' which is why we are accepting new children on a fortnightly basis.

During this period of partial closure, staff have been undertaking online training, responding to parent emails and holding individual Zoom calls with children as well as planning and supporting home-learning. Now that all staff are back in school full-time (and in many cases teaching children who are not 'their' class) there is not the same level of capacity and I would ask that this is recognised if you need to contact your child's class teacher.

### Key Workers

Please continue to complete the weekly Google Form as we will need to know numbers for Breakfast and After-School Club. The Google Form for the 8<sup>th</sup> June is below and it would be helpful if this was completed by next Thursday.

**Childcare Provision for Key Workers (w/c 8<sup>th</sup> June):** <https://forms.gle/cgUqE1fBvvnJsceK7>

If you are a key worker and are accessing our Breakfast and After-School Club, then children can be dropped off and picked up from the school office. If you are not using Breakfast & After-School Club then please enter school through the playground with everyone else.

At the beginning of the day, children will join their small groups unless parents have asked that they remain in the key worker group.

### Return of Years 2 to 5

I've had a couple of parents contact me about the return of other year groups. I am sorry to say that I have no information about this at the moment. The government still maintains that it wants to see these children in school before the summer holiday but the current guidance of class sizes of 15 is in direct contrast to this.

As soon as I hear anything I will let you know.



### Parental Survey

As we enter the final term of the academic year, we need to start thinking about our plans for next year. I am sure you'll appreciate that all our plans for this year have not necessarily come to fruition but nevertheless I don't think that this process of reflection and planning has ever been more important than it is at the moment.

As part of this process, I am inviting all parents to complete our annual parent survey which is on the linked Google Form below. There are a couple of additional sections from last year, one section specifically asks about the actions from last year's survey and another section asks about the impact of coronavirus on the school and the children.

**Parental Survey (Summer 2020): <https://forms.gle/69pb9md8rQpQXLiD9>**

Thank you in advance for sharing your views. The form will close in three weeks' time on the 19<sup>th</sup> June.

### Library News

Following on from the news last week about the library, Greg Stobbs has completed our library mural and I have to say it's impressive! I feel that he's really captured the imaginative worlds that stories can bring alive and I can't wait to see the children's reactions to it when they see it in person. I'd like to say a huge thank you to Greg for giving up his time over the half-term break to have this ready for the children's return.



### The Ickabog

Mrs Haynes has brought to my attention that J.K. Rowling is looking for children to help illustrate her new book, The Ickabog. Obviously, we have some extremely talented artists in the school and I've love to see one of our pupil's illustrations published.

You can find out more about this competition on her Ickabog website <https://www.theickabog.com/home/>

Good luck and happy illustrating!

With best wishes

James Tibbles

