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June update Richard Crosse

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am sure you are aware that this week the Secretary of State for Education finally clarified the government's position regarding the full opening of primary schools for a month before the end of term. He has accepted that most schools (particularly primaries) do not have the capacity, in terms of both physical space and teachers, to welcome back all students, but went on to say that if schools do have capacity, the government would like them to accommodate the return of more children before the end of the summer term.

As a result of this statement, we considered what this meant for us here at Richard Crosse Primary School.

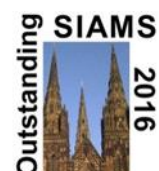
At present, because of the physical size of our school, and the structure we have planned for the groups who have already returned to school, along with the expanding number of children requiring our key worker provision, we currently do not have the capacity to take every child while current social distancing restrictions apply and classes are limited to groups of 15 maximum. However, we do have some flexibility within the Key Stage 1 bubble and the Year 6 bubbles. Therefore yesterday it was decided that we would try and take as many Year 5 and Year 2 children who wanted to return back on a part-time timetable, to ensure that all received an equal and fair amount of time in school. This change will start on Monday, week commencing 15th June 2020, and parents of the individual children have been contacted with their timetable.

We understand that this situation is far from ideal and is frustrating for both yourselves and more importantly, your children, especially those in Year 3 and Year 4. You and they, will have many questions about the future, some of which we cannot answer ourselves at the moment but as soon as we have details on these arrangements rest assured we will contact you.

As staff, we all feel concerned for the children who remain at home. We know that the vast majority have been keeping up with their home learning and have attended the virtual classroom meets, but this can never replace the experience of physically being at school. If we were able to bring everyone back safely, believe me we would.



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On Monday 22nd June Miss Jarrett will return to school and I will continue my role as MAT SENCO until September before returning as Headteacher. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all the staff for all of the support and dedication shown to the school and the children over the past couple of months, it has made a very difficult situation much more manageable and ensured we have all been able to stay safe and healthy during this time.

If there is anything else we can help you with at this stage then please feel free to contact the school via email or phone and we will do our best to support you.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Bowring', written in a cursive style.

Ms Emma Bowring
Acting Headteacher