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Dear Parents,

I just wanted to give you an update with regards to where we are with planning for recovery in September. Rather than not be in touch, I wanted to update you with the following (despite unfortunately and frustratingly, not currently being in a position to give you any fixed dates or plans).

All recovery plans have been submitted to the Governing body for their consideration within the Strategic Meeting on Friday 10th July. Once Governors have considered the plans, we will be able to share these with you.

To date, we are awaiting further specific instruction from the Government re. return to school, dates, logistics, and operational guidance. This is set to be shared (we believe) towards the end of this week. As yet, we do not know the precise date for return for all year groups. The Government may recommend that this will be staggered or may recommend all the children will come back to school together; I am not in a position to start guessing, however I do know that certainly we have already made plans for our new starters in Reception (September 2020) to join us later than we would, in order that our current Reception class can benefit from access to a carefully planned transition into Year 1 and we are working very hard on preparing for a full recovery strategy for next year.

Governors will also need to consider with myself staff training and dates; we had originally planned for children to start school on Tuesday 8th September. Again, we await guidance re. mandatory and recommended training, in addition to that which staff would normally receive at the start of a new academic year. This may also have an impact on start dates; again I apologise that I cannot confirm this at this stage.

I will attend a Local Authority (LA) Head Teachers' meeting this evening where I anticipate some updates. Unfortunately the LA also await their guidance from the DfE however this is a useful forum to benchmark our progress and provision, to glean a city-wide perspective and to ask questions.

I do understand that this is very frustrating for you as parents; it is also frustrating for us as Governors and leaders, however I will endeavour to provide you with dates once I am informed, with more certainty around expectations.

Until this time, The children in Years 1 and 6 will continue in school for the remainder of this academic year and all children will have the opportunity to meet with (or speak with, if shielding) their new and current



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teachers. This has been such a wonderful success today! The school, the children and the staff all had their 'buzz' back!

I will be in touch as we receive updates; I look forward to sharing our recovery plans for all children in all year groups. We will **not** allow for children to have this time during lockdown impact negatively upon their potential, either socially, emotionally or academically and we continue to strive for the very best for all children within the boundaries we have been faced with – please be reassured that once the children are back with us, we **will** recover this lost time with gusto, as each and every one of us within the staffing team is desperate to be back with the children, teaching and striving for excellence.

New update!

Have a look on the website for Mr Brotherton's sporting videos this week! There are lots more exciting activities to try from our TAs available and take a look at Mrs Hall's and Mrs Kirby's new assemblies for the week. Our theme this week is 'Live your life for today, enjoy every moment', we hope these little videos help with some lovely ideas for achieving this!

Kind regards,

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