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Dear Parents,

'Faith: it does not make things easy it makes them possible' Luke 1:37

On the 1st June we began a new phase of our provision, which saw Year 6 return to our school. Year 1 will return on 8th June, and it is our intention to also have Reception and Pre-School returning to school in the next few weeks.

Due to this we are stretching our staffing resources to the limit to ensure that we have met all of the safety guidelines set out by the Government. **We are still providing Key Worker provision, but this will not continue indefinitely as more year groups return.**

We made the decision at the beginning of lockdown to open Key Worker provision to families where both parents are Key Workers and to single parent Key Worker families. This was due to the volume of children eligible to Key Worker provision.

We are constantly reviewing our whole school provision during this unprecedented time, and after careful consideration, we can only continue to offer Key Worker provision to those families where both parents are Key Workers or a single parent is a Key Worker.

If you have accessed provision you may continue to do so, **but only on days that you are working.**

I really appreciate the challenges that many of you are facing but I wanted to make clear the reason behind our decision and that we cannot offer provision where there is only one key worker in a family. Offering this would not be sustainable.

If you were originally contacted, declined the provision but now require provision, please contact the school office with the days you require access. We cannot promise that you will be successful in your request, but we will do our best to help if we can. The strain on staffing, cleaning and resources will result in an unsafe environment for all attending school and I am not willing to compromise on this in any way.

Again, I thank you for your unfailing support at this difficult and challenging time.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher

