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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am sending an update as I feel it is key to ensure a continued link but without swamping your inbox with unnecessary emails. The situation is changing week to week and so keeping up with the latest news or guidelines is important.

I would like to thank all parents for your ongoing commitment to supporting the children at home and for your positive and encouraging emails, as teachers have been working hard to ensure tasks for the children and have been engaging with them fully online. Remember work is still being shared and some is posted on Twitter as well.

I can also take this opportunity to commend you the parents, on your unrelenting efforts, to ensure learning has continued in some form in the home environment. Thanks must also go to our great staff team who have encouraged engagement in home learning, sorted out the free school meals voucher system, replied to parent emails and provided key worker child care throughout the closure including all holiday periods. This is all whilst managing their own families and the pressures of coping with the effect of covid-19 on their own lives.

The government has sent guidance that we should plan to accommodate the return of Year 6 pupils in small groups spread across the entire school. This has involved a lot of planning and preparation will be going on right up until June. I must point out that this expectation will draw teachers and staff away from their computers and into school and so therefore it will impact on the provision for Years 3, 4 and 5. This is regrettable but unavoidable as the teachers cannot be teaching Year 6 in school and maintaining a full online presence at the same time.

Teacher support in June will not be as effective as it has been, though we will try to maintain tasks and emails as much as is possible. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

Testing has been agreed for most now and so if you believe you, or anyone in your household, have any symptoms of covid-19, then please seek a test using advice in this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

The feedback and support we have had from parents has been very much appreciated and that goes a long way with the efforts the teachers and staff are making, so I thank you for that.

Just to clarify the situation for next week – it would have been half term. School will be open for the key worker children but not the Bank Holiday. Teachers will step back from their computers for the half term, but will continue to cover the staffing for the keyworker children. This means the same routine as the last break, teachers will not be responding directly to emails from parents or teachers, but the children can continue to



enjoy the platforms for activities including Spelling Shed, Times Tables Rock Stars and Mathletics. BBC Bitesize is a great resource also.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 is INSET day and the school will be closed to all children (along with Wallace Fields Infant School) to allow for planning, preparation and input on how the school is dealing with the new government expectations.

I hope that you are remaining well and coping with the situation at this current time. Take care and stay safe.

Kindest regards

Steve Lee

Headteacher

