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Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Re: "Moving Up" update -

I know many of you will be wanting to know where and who your next teacher is going to be! I have not been able to share this information with you for the time being as school was in the process of recruiting 3 new teachers for next year. As many of you will know Mrs Lucking is currently off on maternity leave, as will Miss Harley come November. Miss Piggott who currently teaches in 3CT is relocating back to Lincolnshire. We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mr Hawkley at the end of this academic year. On behalf of everyone here and the children I wish Miss Piggott and Mr Hawkley all the best for the future.

However, there is some very exciting news with Mr Clouzeau (Yr6), Mr Partridge (Yr3) and Mr Eustace (Yr2) joining our ranks for the next year. Attached with this flyer is the overall staffing structure for 2020-2021. You will see that class names are now matched to a county in the United Kingdom, therefore we hope to encourage the children to have a better geographical knowledge of the UK as they move through school on their learning journey.

As you will have seen in the news recently, the government is trying to return us all to a new "normal". They have said they expect all pupils to return in September. However, it is up to each individual school to decide on the most appropriate way forward and having seen recent events in Leicester result in a local lockdown and further incidents of



lockdowns and second spikes I feel I must act cautiously for all our safety. My suggestion considering we are an almost 90% BAME school community and staff is that we have a more measured approach to returning. My proposal is to have the first half of term (till October half term) run on a different timetable and methodology than usual. This would mean that classes are split in half with a group of 15 children returning for the morning session only and 15 in the afternoon. Then on an alternate week swap mornings and afternoons so that all children get a fair entitlement across the half term and teachers still get their PPA entitlement on a Friday afternoon. The idea being that reduced class sizes enable social distancing measures to be adhered to along with better adult pupil ratio for catching up on lost learning. This strategy I believe, is the most suited to us as a school community to enable us to catch up with the lost learning of the summer term and learning beyond. I shall be proposing this way forward to the governors on Monday 13th July and will inform you all of their decision.

Please keep yourselves safe and well.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr Newman-Smith.

