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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write this week in what is an uncertain time for many in the community. We have indeed heard the announcements that schools will be open from September. As a school we have heard this news at the same time as everyone else, so details of how school will operate have not yet been planned however, many measures currently in place will continue. The top priority will always be health and safety and in a primary school setting, this requires us to continue to maintain outstanding personal hygiene levels and cleaning regimes.

Those of you that have been bringing your child to school will know that currently children's hands are sanitised as they arrive at school, washed with soap and water when they enter the classroom and then washed again at various times throughout their sessions in class. As a senior leadership team, we monitor this on a daily basis and records are kept to ensure that this is happening. These checks are currently reported to governors. This regime would without question continue.

It was announced that we will continue to operate within 'bubbles'. This is a word that you will have heard on the news but not had explained. This means that children will come into contact with those in their class bubble but should not be mixing with other classes. It also means that where possible we limit the number of adults that work with that bubble again to avoid cross contamination.

Since the start of lockdown, the Department for Education has acknowledged that primary school aged children will not always be socially distanced. Currently the children are very good at this but with whole classes back this will be impossible to maintain. This means that classes or 'bubbles' of children will be distanced from one another (i.e. Sycamore class from Hazel class) but children will not be able to distance within their class bubble.

School will still operate staggered start and end times. The idea behind this is to reduce pedestrian traffic on site at once. This will be slightly awkward for parents with children in different year groups but is unavoidable. Currently the school operates one-way systems both internally and externally. Again this will continue.

Every classroom has been stripped of unnecessary furniture and all dressing up and soft furnishings have been removed. Currently rooms are being cleaned and sanitised a minimum of twice a day. In addition, teachers and support staff have been sanitising desks, chairs, door handles and all touch points on a daily basis. The current level of cleaning is phenomenal.

The school's risk assessment for this provision was agreed with the Local Authority and this will be adapted diligently in preparation for September and ratified again by the Local Authority.



In addition to this week's update you will have received or will receive soon an email detailing the transition week on the 13th – 17th of July. I really do hope that you send your children in as we have planned so carefully to ensure everyone's safety. We genuinely can't wait for the children to meet their new teachers and put the children's minds at rest for the summer. If you are unable to attend the teachers will be named in an email that we will send during the transition week so that all children can know who they have got for next year. It is particularly pertinent for children moving phases to attend as the changes are huge for a child's mind to take on. This means children who will be moving from Nursery to Reception, Reception to Year 1 and Year 2 to Year 3.

To help parents understand the year group expectations in Nursery, Reception, Year 1, and Year 3 we usually invite parents in during the summer term for a transition meeting. Due to lock down, we cannot do this so there will be a link sent next week to some presentations giving more information as to what you can expect. These are very difficult to organise and will not be available for all year groups so please accept my apologies in advance for this.

This week I have written to Year 5 and am looking forward to receiving their applications to become school prefects, learning buddies, play buddies and green team members next year. When making your applications, try to remember the school's values and remind me of how you are a perfect example of any of the values.

This week we have continued to monitor the children's engagement with online learning. Now that even more parents are being expected to work from home, I fully appreciate how difficult it is to get the children to complete their online learning. I have faced this challenge myself. Please note the online tasks will not be set from Friday 17th July as this is the last day of term.

	WB 20/04 Avg	WB 27/04 Avg	WB 04/05 Avg	WB 11/05 Avg	WB 18/05 Avg	WB 25/05 Avg	WB 01/06 Avg	WB 08/06 Avg	WB 15/06 Avg	WB 22/06 Avg
Reception		36%	45%	49%	58%	43%	50%	50%	37%	31%
Year 1	65%	67%	70%	73%	73%	61%	67%	69%	63%	58%
Year 2	59%	60%	67%	70%	68%	60%	60%	65%	60%	55%
Year 3	50%	55%	57%	63%	61%	43%	57%	59%	60%	61%
Year 4	57%	57%	67%	64%	59%	48%	52%	59%	53%	51%
Year 5	49%	53%	59%	61%	61%	46%	54%	57%	56%	53%
Year 6	43%	51%	54%	61%	53%	39%	44%	43%	43%	38%

Well done to Years 3 for completing the most online learning this week and taking the top spot. Well done to all of those that have completed your work. I have noticed that all other year groups have started to slide. This could be due to a number of children now attending school but I still encourage all children to get done what they can.

Finally, a reminder for all Year 6 parents and children that we would love to see you at the end of year school field assembly on Wednesday 15th July.

I hope you all have a happy and safe weekend.

Kind regards
Mr Jeffery

