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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all well. Each day we have an average of 95 children attending school. Due to the size of our building and the number of staff members, we have been pleased to be able to open up our provision to children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 as well as the children of those of you who are key workers.

All available space in school has been allocated to the children who are in these groups which the government identified as 'priority'. We are following government guidance regarding health and safety measures. Unfortunately, this means that we will be **unable** to bring back children from Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 before the end of this term. This is something that we all feel deeply unhappy about, however we are restricted by the guidance and the capacity that we have within this to be able to offer any further places to children from these year groups.

We receive information about future plans for further opening as it is delivered to the public through the daily briefings. This means that I have as much information as you do regarding plans for September. You will be aware that the government are proposing that all children to be coming back to school after the summer holiday period. I am waiting for further guidance and information to be shared to begin to plan for this. In the meantime, we are working hard to organise class groups for next year. We will let you know your child's class teacher and other details when we have finalised our plans.

The end of the summer term is looking very different to normal. Last week we were due to hold sports day events and we would be well in to planning the end of year celebrations for Year 6 pupils. We are in the process of trying to organise a 'virtual' sports day that the children can take part in at home if they wish and Year 6 are going to be doing a film project which we hope to be able to share with you all.

School reports

In the week beginning 13th July, you will receive your child's school report. This will share the progress that your child made up until March 20th. If your child has been attending school since June 1st, you will also receive a short report about how they have been in this period.

Transition

This year, we will be unable to carry out the normal transition activities for children to meet their new teaching teams in their new classrooms. We are working on a way to do this remotely via our school website and YouTube channel. Online learning for your child for the last couple of weeks will include transition activities – there will be a chance for your child to share with their new teacher some information about themselves.

Online learning

This weekend, I have uploaded Week 9 of online learning to our school website. We are glad to hear from many of you that your children are continuing to engage with this learning. I have been pleased to post Make a Difference awards to 10 children who have been nominated by a family member. Please contact



your child's class teacher if you wish to nominate your child for one of the awards. We just need to know which award you would like your child to receive and the reasons why.



Can you help us?

There is now an opportunity for us to win £5,000 worth of book vouchers from The Book Trust for our school. This would be a fantastic help in continuing to develop the library, reading shed and classroom reading corners. All you have to do is follow the link below to nominate our school to win. Or you can click on the link on our website. It is quick and easy to do, all they require is your name and our school name.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/>

I will continue to keep you updated with further information over the final few weeks of the school year. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions by telephone to the school office or by email to the office or class teachers.

Sending my best wishes

Mrs Essex

