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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our onsite lessons for Years 1, 6 and reception have been going very well since schools were allowed to reopen on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Our online learning for Years 2-5, and those in other year groups who are unable to come to school, continues. Thank you for all your feedback and kind comments.

The Department for Education has announced that schools are no longer required to have all primary age pupils in school for a month before the Summer term. Logistically this was always going to be impossible nationally without changes to social distancing rules and extra staffing.

Yesterday the DfE issued some guidance on how schools can, if they have the flexibility, provide some face to face contact for children in Years 2 to 5.

There is very limited capacity in our staffing as the majority of our teaching staff are already committed to a teaching bubble for Years 1, 6 or reception, or teaching the Key Workers' and vulnerable children bubble. Others are in shielding categories or have to care for their own children and families. There is also the issue of limited space and washroom facilities.

That said, we have all seen the very positive effect coming into school has had for children in Years 1, 6 and reception classes and so we have been working hard to see how we can provide some in school learning for the children in Years 2 to 5. The DfE has been very clear that schools are not allowed to suspend the provision for Years 1, 6 and reception class in order to provide for other year groups.

We are very pleased to inform parents that children in Years 2 to 5 will be offered a week of onsite learning (Monday to Thursday) before the end of the Summer term. They will be based in the main hall and the library in bubbles of no more than 15 children at a time. Year groups will be split into two bubbles each.

We prefer for all children to have the possibility of attending school for a week rather than certain year groups having longer time in school.

Some children in Years 2 to 5 have been attending school as part of the Key Worker bubble. To minimise bubbles intersecting, if the parents of these children would like their child to be in the new bubbles (for the proposed week of onsite lessons) then their child must not be in school for the week before the new bubble starts, or the week after it finishes. This will mean a gap of nine days, including weekends, between the bubbles. If you have any concerns regarding bubbles please contact the school office.

The plan enables us to deliver on site learning for all year groups whilst keeping health, hygiene and safety paramount. Further details will be provided to parents later this week.

Yours faithfully

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