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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful having greater numbers of pupils in over the last few weeks. They have settled in beautifully and I do want to thank those parents who are coming to school each day for abiding by the protocols in place and also for all your fantastic support.

As you are aware, we currently have EYFS, Y1 and children of key workers and those deemed vulnerable in school. Sadly, pupils in Years 2,3,4 and 5 will not be returning to school this academic year. I know we would have all the pupils if we could but the measures in place do not allow this and, following the letter sent to you by the Head of Children's Services and information received from the Department for Education, only schools with the capacity both in terms of space and staff will be able to consider this whilst still maintaining provision for all the priority groups. We are not able to meet this without putting our pupils and staff at risk, and therefore we are intending on supporting those year groups in terms of transition for next year whilst they remain at home. Please look out for further information coming to you soon.

However, what has been concerning me is whether we can provide school-based provision for our Year 6 pupils before the end of the academic year. As you may or may not know, there are no secondary transition procedures in place for any Year 6 pupils whatever setting they are in due to the current situation. This means that our Year 6 pupils are not going to receive their induction into secondary school life. They are also currently not going to be able to see their friends and receive closure on their primary school years due to the capacity of school to hold all pupils under the current measures, and also the amount of staff available to lead those groups.

I know from the emails I have received from a few Year 6 parents and conversations outside of school that this concerns our Year 6 parents too. I do believe we have a moral duty to bring our Year 6 pupils back to school before the end of the academic year. We can only do this by changing the current organisation in school. Therefore, I presented a rationale to the Board of Governors at our recent meeting and it was unanimously agreed that we should implement provision in school for Year 6 pupils before the end of the academic year for them to complete transition activities.

The school therefore intends to implement new procedures from 13th July until 21st July:

- Home learning will continue for all pupils **not** in school until the end of the academic year in the form of a transition project in readiness for next year.
- Those pupils in EYFS and KS1 whose parents are **not** key workers, will resume home learning from 13th July until the end of the academic year which finishes on 21st July.
- **All current key worker pupils** – and those who are deemed vulnerable, along with the Y6 pupils whose parents responded to the survey, will receive in-school education for the last full week of term - 13th July until 17th July.



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- For the final two days (20th and 21st July), **only current key worker and vulnerable pupils** will be in school and staff will be preparing the site for the summer.
- **For parents who did not respond, to the Year 6 survey, capacity is now reached and therefore no additional numbers can be accepted.**
- **We will also be at capacity in all areas**

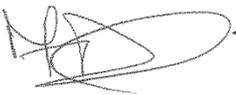
I am aware that this is going to impact on many of our EYFS and KS1 parents who are not key workers or whose children are not vulnerable which I do apologise for, but I do hope you will all understand that your child will have received seven weeks of education in school before we implement procedures for our Year 6 pupils.

In terms of organisation for the pupils of key workers, we will be looking at all groups and will possibly need to re-organise which pod your child is currently in and who will be leading them in order to ensure that Year 6 staff spend time with the Year 6 pupils and we can also fit all pertinent children into the school safely.

I appreciate key worker parents will want to make the best decision for their child due to these changes and therefore we will be advising you all which pod your child will be in and who will be leading them for those seven days in a future letter.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I will be sending out further information in the near future.

Kind regards



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