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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are able to create a new social bubble which has started today and operates on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30am until 3:15pm.

In the first instance, we offered places to those children who have been on a waiting list for Reception and Year 1 places. We then opened it up to any critical worker parents last week.

From the 6th of July, I will be able to go up to the maximum group size of 15 as the social distancing measure has been reduced to 1m+ which means I will be able to fit in more desks.

Ideally, I would have liked to offer all our children the opportunity to come back into school before the end of term. However, I have discussed it with my local authority advisor and because the guidance about staff operating on a rota system has remained unchanged, I am not permitted to do so to ensure we continue to minimize any risk to our families.

There are spaces available, but they are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis to all families. Can you please let the office know by 4pm today if you would like/need the opportunity of a place in school. If you don't require a specific day we have on offer then we would appreciate it if you could just tell us what you need so that we can offer places to as many children as we can in the remaining weeks. The offer of places will not be aimed at helping children catch up academically but will provide an opportunity to have some time in school with other children which is why it must be on a needs only basis please.

I would like to thank you for your patience and support during this time. Working in this way has gone on longer than we all initially anticipated and I can completely understand the anxiety and frustrations that go with that. My hope is that before the end of term we receive Government guidelines which will help us to plan for all children to return to school in September. There is much talk about keeping social bubbles which do not mix but increasing the size to 30.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all their hard work whether they have been in school or working from home. Staff who have been

able to come into school have worked during their holiday periods to continue to offer support to the families who needed us during lockdown. This is not something they have been trained for and because of the very different circumstances we have all found ourselves in because of our own family circumstances, finding a model of education to suit everyone is extremely difficult. How you have supported and communicated with school has been extremely helpful to the staff and I hope that being able to email staff on a daily basis has been helpful to you too. We are expecting to close during the summer break as staff will need time to prepare the classroom spaces and resources in line with new guidance. We will also be continuing to work on our curriculum so that the children can start the process of getting back into a normal routine; providing opportunities which include a focus on mental health and well-being, social interactions and any academic catch up where needed. As soon as we receive the guidance, we will communicate how we intend to manage this next phase of the pandemic.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Pam Acheson
Headteacher



