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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 children,

Firstly, thank you for taking on board and responding to all of the messages and information over the recent weeks. This has supported us greatly in getting things organised for the return of a large number of our year 6's. I feel confident that as a school we have done everything we can to minimize the risks involved with opening up our school to much larger numbers of children coming to school each day.

If your child is remaining at home, year 6 teachers will continue to post work in the Home Learning Google Classroom in the usual way. This will also be in place for those Y6 children during their week out of school and the classroom will continue to be manned by year six staff. Information regarding the high schools along with useful information about returning to school will continue to be posted in or Google Classroom as well as via the new 'Y6 Return and Transition' tab on our website's homepage.

As I am sure you can imagine, a lot of work has gone on over the past few weeks to ensure that everything is as safe as possible. With the return of our first group of year 6's fast approaching, I just wanted to take the opportunity to highlight and recap some of the key details to ensure everything goes as smoothly as possible.

Return Details

You have been notified of the bubble which your child has been allocated to, they will remain in this group until the end of term:

Team A (START ON 15.6.20)	Team B (START ON 22.6.20)
A1 - Mr Wade and Miss Mitchell – Bevan Classroom	B1 - Mr Blenkin and Mrs Kendall – Bevan Classroom
A2 - Mr King and Mrs Fraser – Shakespeare Classroom	B2 - Mrs Sheppard & Mrs Thorp – Shakespeare Classroom
A3 - Mrs Bodiam and Mrs Wilcock – Austen Classroom	B3 - Miss Guy Ragan & Miss Atkins – Austen Classroom

The children will be in school for a full week and then off for a week to allow us to gradually build up the numbers in our school to ensure we are operating as safely as possible for all our children and staff.

Further details of who of their friends are within their bubble has been provided via the Google Classroom.

Drop Off and Collection Times

It is vital that both arrival and departure are prompt and at the times allocated to ensure the numbers of people in one place at one time are kept to a minimum. Details are as follows:

Y6 – Bubble 1 and Key Workers = Arrive at main gate - 8.30 – 8.40; Leave - 3.10 via the main gate

Y6 – Bubbles 2 and 3 = Arrive at main gate - 8.40 – 8.50; Leave - 3.20 via the main gate

Bikes can be used but we would request that social distancing is adhered to, with only one person going into a section of the bike shed at any one time.



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Clothing and Lunch

As has been advised before, we will not be asking children to be in school uniform as we recognize that many of them will have outgrown this. However, they will need to be in casual, appropriate clothing which allows them to be comfortable in and out of the classroom. As doors and windows will need to be kept open we recommend sensible layering of clothing as we cannot predict with much certainty what the weather will be like from one day to the next.

There will be no changing for physical activity but this will take place daily so footwear especially needs to be suitable for this. We also ask that the children bring in a packed lunch and drinks bottle in a plastic or wipeable bag. Our school kitchen will not be open so ***all children must bring a packed lunch with them.*** No material school bags should be brought in as the cloakrooms are not in use and their bag will be stored by their desks during the day.

More details and a clearer picture of the measures we have taken to ensure your children and our staff are as safe as possible when they are in school can be found in our parent handbook, which is located on our website. Please do take the opportunity to look at this and share key information with your child before their return.

Thank you for your continued support during this time, I look forward to welcoming some of our children back from next week and will continue to speak to a number of you over the phone, our instant messaging service and via the Google Classroom.

Kind Regards

N. Wade

Mr N Wade
Year 6 Leader