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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 children,

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to complete the survey about whether your child will be returning to us on 15th June. We would have loved nothing more than to welcome all of the children back to spend the last half term together prior to leaving us, but this just isn't possible at this time.

Attached to this letter is our parent handbook. This will also be on our website, so you can talk through this with your children before they return. This includes details about drop off and collection times as these need to be staggered to avoid large groups of children congregating at the gates. It also gives you 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, so please do take the time to read through this. 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. 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 ONLY bring in to school a packed lunch and drinks bottle in a plastic bag. 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.

Now we have final numbers in, I can confirm 59 out of 114 Y6 children will be returning to school. The majority of these will be part of our 'Year 6 Bubbles' with only a couple needing to retain their key worker spaces instead (as children cannot move from the Y6 bubble back to the key worker bubble).

If your child is remaining at home, year 6 teachers will continue to post work in the usual way and useful information from and regarding the high schools in the Google Classroom. 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.

If you have decided not to send your child back to school you do not need to read on further. As we receive information about Transition Plans from our High Schools, we will be in touch again.

If your child is continuing with their key worker space and not moving to the Y6 bubble, you will also continue as you have been so far so need not worry about the bubbles and weeks listed below. For all others, please read on.

We will be running 6 bubbles with 3 in Team A (starting Monday 15th June) and 3 in Team B (starting Monday 22nd June).

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.

We hope to have both teams (not additional Y6 as they will have to remain in their own bubbles with their own teachers) of children in for week beginning 13th July although they will still be with their allocated teacher and TA for this week. This will mean all children attending will get 3 full weeks back in school before the end of term.



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The Year 6 team have divided children into groups and you will get an individual message via the MyEd messaging service to inform you which 'Team' and 'Bubble' your child will be in as we can't publish names in a public letter on our website. Each bubble will have a Year 6 member of staff with them, whether this a TA or teacher and the teachers have grouped the children taking lots of factors in to account.

Team A (START ON 15.6.20)	Team B (START ON 22.6.20)
Mr Wade and Miss Mitchell	Mr Blenkin and Mrs Kendall
Mr King and Mrs Fraser	Mrs Sheppard and Mrs Thorp
Mrs Bodiam and Mrs Wilcock	Miss Guy Ragan and Miss Atkins

If your child is returning to school as part of the Year 6 bubble and you have been loaned a Chromebook or I-Pad, please could these devices be returned so we have enough for the children in the bubbles when they come back to school.

Thank you for your continued support during this time, it has been greatly appreciated

Kind Regards

Mrs K Scott
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