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Dear Parents,

I hope you are well.

It is the start of the final half term of the year; we have even had some sun (although it appears to have deserted us for a few days).

I miss seeing everyone at the gate in the morning although I have seen many of the google classrooms and the teachers have shared with me the wonderful work that the children have been doing.

However, It has been lovely having more children in school and although the school looks and feels a little different we have given every child a warm welcome back.

As you will be aware, we were able to welcome back a number of children this week. We are supporting just over 70 children with face to face sessions during the week, while continuing to support children remotely through google meets, daily questions, activities and parent packs at home.

The children have adapted to the new routines and bubbles brilliantly and the timings for Dropping-off and Pick-up have worked wonderfully - it has really helped ensure that the bubbles have remained separate. Thank you for your help with this.

I would like to say a huge thank you from myself and the staff for your support over the last few months and in particular this week. Opening the school to more children has been a logistical headache which you have made easier by being so understanding and supportive.

On the theme of reopening, I have had a number of parents rethink their earlier decision, as the situation changes (which is fine). If you are now considering sending your child back (and you are in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 6), please email the office and we will try to allocate space. Obviously please do not send your child back without discussing it with the school first.

Equally, if you wish to stay away at this time, I also respect that decision. We will continue to reflect on the safety of the children and staff, updating our risk assessment as needed and to reflect any guidance updates.

As I mentioned earlier, we have continued to support all year groups with home learning. I want to draw your attention to the School Website.

In addition to the parent packs, don't forget that there is a wealth of information for parents on the school website (in the section Resources for parents). I would particularly like to draw your attention to the [Maths calculation policy](#). It can be really helpful in reminding yourself of the different stages to go through with different operations - it has useful illustrations too.

When the school partially closed in March, we sent all children home with a maths book and a writing book. I know that many of these are now full (or nearly full) and we have additional sets of books for the children.

Those currently in school will receive theirs to take home and for everyone else, please come and collect books from reception (being mindful of social distancing) at the following times next week:

Tuesday June 9th	9:45 to 11.15	Year 1
	12:45 to 2:15	Year 2
Wednesday June 10th	9:45 to 11.15	Year 3
	12:45 to 2:15	Year 4
Thursday June 11th	9:45 to 11.15	Year 5
	12:45 to 2:15	Year 6

Sets for siblings will be available at whichever class time is most convenient for you.

Until our next letter, thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Warm regards,

Bryn Gibson