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Dear Families,

We hope that you are all well. It has been very strange not making all the calls and not being in contact with a lot of you. Please know we are still available for anything you need. The office is manned nearly every day now but as the girls are doing different jobs, they may not be able to pick up every call so please either email us or call us on our work mobiles.

We are planning to do a week of calls before we break up for the summer so that we will have been in contact before the break.

I am sure that more updates and information will come out between now and the end of August so please be aware that I will remain in contact throughout the summer to keep you informed of anything I need to let you know. I will always text you to let you know there will be an email.

Today we start our 'drive-bys' for handing out reports. After reading every single report and commenting on them all, I am super proud of all of our amazing children, and wonderful staff who enable them to have the learning opportunities they receive. Although this academic year equated to just a full term and a half in school, what the children have done and how they have progressed has been incredible. Once we get them all back (hopefully September!) we know the work we have to do to address any gaps. As you know Sam and I have carried out over 50 home visits and for every child we have seen we have noticed such progress in them in terms of social skills, their reading, their speaking and so I am confident that you have all done a great job having your children at home and keeping them safe.

For those who cannot collect reports, your child will either bring them home from school or we will deliver them or post them.

We have presented them this year in a booklet as we wanted to celebrate our children's achievements and help them to feel as proud of themselves as we are of them.

After last week's mid-week 'scare', I am relieved and pleased to say that both cases were negative. We have been commended by several different people at County and also Public Health England for the way we dealt with the situation and for putting our Operations Booklet (that we share if your child comes into school) into prompt action. I wanted to thank you all as families and also our staff for support, understanding and for collecting your child promptly. You are all more than aware that I, and indeed, we, would never put your children at risk and so if we pick up on anything significant again, we will follow the same



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procedures.

I would like to offer another bubble to our Year 9 MLD pupils from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. I am apprehensive about reopening too widely as there obviously becomes an added risk, but feel that we can manage this. There is rationale for this age due to the children it will impact and position in school that they will have to work in. Although we are not using all of our classrooms, we do have to consider corridors, potential meeting places in corridors, break times, toilets and the sharing of, and who would cope better with changes to rooms and unfamiliar staff. I will send out a letter in addition to this to the parents of pupils we feel could manage this bubble and could adhere to the strict health and hygiene procedures we have in place.

Your child will have their welcome letter in their report booklet. What there won't be yet is a timetable so this will be emailed as soon as these are confirmed.

I have said that for Autumn term there **will not** be an obligation to wear school uniform. This is because I am certain we will still be requiring you to wash your children's clothes at the end of every day to minimise infection and as we head towards 'Winter flu' season too, this may be a safe route for Autumn. We also don't know what the summer will bring and therefore I do not want you to spend money on uniform that may not be used straightaway and therefore becomes a waste. **Full School Uniform will be expected from January 2021.** I appreciate that for some of our children they will need their school jumper. If this is the case, then please allow your child to wear it but just be aware that it will need to be washed daily.

As always I thank you for your support.

Keep safe, keep well and keep smiling

Tracey  
Headteacher



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