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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are constantly reviewing our provision to see if we can do more for our families. I am writing now to keep you up-to-date with the changes we have planned for the weeks ahead. Thank you to all our families for being so patient in awaiting news of our wider opening and we are grateful for the high number of responses we have had for our Years 3, 4 & 5 survey; there has been an 85-90% response for sending children back into school, if there was an opportunity to do so.

We were hoping by now that some of the lockdown procedures would have been lifted but at present we are still very limited with 2 metres remaining in place for social distancing and a maximum of 15 allowed per group. In addition, we are restricted by the number of staff we have available in school to be able to run any further groups. We have always ensured that our staff remain with one group and are not changing to others, to ensure we keep our children and staff at the very lowest risk of any infection.

Key Worker Group

Our Key Worker group has always been one of our top priorities. At the beginning of this week, we had a high number of requests for extra days needed for children already attending and also from families who had not previously needed us. We are pleased to say, that although we were full on most days, we were able to offer some places for this week.

We have therefore worked hard to reorganise staff, in order to be able to run a second Key Worker group which will now be ready to start this coming Monday. This has not been easy and could not be done immediately as staff from one group can not move into another group, without having 7 days free from their current group. A classroom also had to be prepared for the extra Key Worker group, following existing rules. A letter will be sent out shortly confirming places requested.

Year 6

We have loved having Y6 back in school and we are now going to change the rota to accommodate welcoming back another year group as well. Next week will remain exactly the same as this week but from 29th June, we will change our Y6s from being in once a week to once a fortnight but on the same days they are currently in school now.

On the week beginning 29th June, Group A1 will come in on Monday/Tuesday and Group B1 on Thursday/Friday, at the same times they attend and leave now. On the week commencing 6th July Group A2 will come in on Monday/Tuesday and Group B2 on Thursday/Friday, again at the same times they attend and leave now.

This will mean that we can continue with our Y6s fortnightly but also allow us to invite another year group back to join us too. There will be a further letter next week with more details of how we are going to proceed.

We hope you and your family are keeping well.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "HWest". The letters are cursive and connected.

Mrs. H. West
Headteacher