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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are well and keeping safe.

Across Wokingham, schools are inviting pupils to return on different dates and for differing amounts of time and these decisions are determined by the individual circumstances of each school. We've already shared with you that we have a much higher number of Year 6 pupils hoping to return than the majority of schools we know of, and in putting together what we believe to be a plan that will keep the children and staff safe we have benefitted from the support of the Local Authority, our Governors and the hard work of our staff team.

Over the last few days, the demand for our Keyworker provision has continued to rise, and only this morning, we have had further requests for places. The last few days has seen us repeatedly adjusting our plan to accommodate this growing demand, the number of staff who are able to return, and the steadily increasing number of places that will be required for Year 6 pupils when we are able to open fully to this year group.

Therefore from Monday 15th June, we believe it will be safe to invite Year 6 back and that we will have the staffing capacity to ensure that we are able to keep the children in separate groups as advised, without having to expose them to a variety of different staff. We will be offering four days attendance for every pupil, Monday to Thursday, with Friday being used to assess the week, make any adjustments to address the needs of the pupils in school and to plan the work for the coming week, including for Years 3, 4, 5 and those Y6 pupils who will be continuing their learning at home. Friday will also be used for deep cleaning of the school and resourcing for lessons.

We would be grateful if parents of Y6 pupils returning on Monday 15th June could complete the following survey as soon as possible - and no later than Wednesday 3rd. We will then be in a position to finalise groups, their staffing and our schedule for the start and end of the day, break and lunchtime.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=olaazofxIOuhSXnKBbr10C6YFbU-g9JDKCL6KJYeve1UQUZETFpBWTIRVjUzWFVEUUFZRkJUUUIKVi4u>

Our next letter to parents will be sent on 8th June and will detail specific arrangements of arrival/departure times, name of group and supervising adult, and how we will endeavour to ensure parents' safety when dropping off and picking up. The letter will also contain details about the curriculum, lunches and any last minute housekeeping arrangements. Because things here will look and feel so different to the way in which we normally operate, we are making a short video to give the children some idea of what to expect. Details of how to access this will be included in our 8th June letter to enable you to help prepare your child for their return to school.



Whilst 15th June is later than we had originally hoped, I cannot begin to tell you how pleased we are that we will finally be in a position to welcome Year 6 back or how thankful we are that by then we will have sufficient staff who are well enough to return to school. If by then, as predicted, the infection rate has further decreased, the local R rate is below 1 and the track and trace system is established, we are hopeful that our wider re-opening to Year 6 will not pose any increased danger to pupils and staff, their families or the wider community.

Keyworker School will continue to run from Monday to Friday and in the same way it has since 20th March, including for Year 6 pupils who have been attending during lockdown.

We look forward to seeing you soon, albeit from a safe distance across the playground!

Yours faithfully,

Julianne Taylor

Mrs J M Taylor

Headteacher

