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Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a good week. We welcomed back some of our Year 5s this week; it was lovely to see them and the feedback from them is that they have enjoyed being back too. The school now has over 50% attendance of children who could be back actually attending, which has increased from initially 30% at the beginning of June.

We received yesterday the latest Government guidance regarding the wider opening of schools from September. I will be unpicking this with my Senior Leadership Team over the coming days and will of course communicate plans with you in due course. I can however confirm that attendance will be compulsory in September. Many elements of school will be able to operate as 'normal' but there will also lots of operational issues that we will have to alter in order to follow the guidance and keep everyone as safe as possible.

Current capacity in groups/bubbles:

| Year group | Name of teacher leading group/bubble | No. of spaces available |
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| Nursery (9:15am-2:30pm) | Mrs Marsh | 2 |
| Reception (9am-2:30pm) | Mrs Guntrip | 4 |
| Reception (9am-2:30pm) | Miss Hollidge | 1 |
| Reception (9am-2:30pm) | Mrs Tyler/Mrs Thorpe | 3 |
| Year 1 (8:45am-2:45pm) | Mrs Bibi | FULL |
| Year 1 (8:45am-2:45pm) | Miss Robinson | FULL |
| Year 5 (9am-12pm) | Mrs Newman | FULL |
| Year 5 (9am-12pm) | Miss Hoffman | FULL |
| Year 5 (9am-12pm) | Miss Ross | FULL |
| Year 6 (8:30-3pm) | Mrs Bridges | FULL |
| Year 6 (8:30am-3pm) | Miss Jeffries | 1 |
| Year 6 (8:30-3pm) | Miss Fowler | 2 |
| Key Worker A (previously known as Years 2/3 group), 8:30am-3pm | | FULL |
| Key Worker B (previously known as Years 4/5 group) now years 2-4, 8:30am-3pm | | Spaces on some days |

If you would like a space in any of the groups listed above please email the office. Requests received after 4pm on Thursdays won't be guaranteed to be allocated for a Monday start the following week.

Asthma- If your child is attending school please ensure they bring their inhaler with them and let the adults in the group know.

Information for Key Workers and vulnerable families using Queensway childcare: Please ensure you email the office every Thursday by 4pm your childcare requirements for the following week in order to secure a place. This also includes children in Year 5 who will be moving to a Year 5 class bubble, (we have spoken directly to these families).

Home learning: Teachers will be posting on the blogs the weekly home learning tasks by today at noon for next week: Class blogs can be found via the class pages on the school website:

<http://www.queensway.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=32>

Old books: Debbie's room is officially now a library! We have been swamped with books- thank you so much. If the weather is fine, we will put them out for families to browse and take during 'meet the teacher' on Friday 10th July on a table as you come in the side entrance.

'Meet the Teacher' Friday 10th July: We have been delighted with the number of families who have already been online to book their appointment to meet the teacher. It isn't too late! Please ensure you log on to secure an appointment. If you are having trouble please contact the office. Top tip: the parent name has to match up exactly with what is on our system so for example *Mrs/Ms* has been a common error which has been muddled.

On the day, please use the map we emailed you last week to find where you need to go. We will still be operating a one way system coming in and out of school. In= side entrance off of Queensway and out= the Brantwood road exit.

As we are closed to normal classes that day, we are allowing two parents to attend the appointment with their child. This is only for that day, then it reverts back to one adult per child on site. If you need to bring younger siblings with you, they must be carefully supervised at all time and not allowed to run around.

Please wait outside the building until you are invited in by a member of staff, respecting social distancing at all times.

Annual reports: The staff have been busy preparing a pack of information for all families which includes your child's annual report. This will be given to you at the appointments next week. Any non-attendees' packs will be posted Friday evening. If you wish to query anything in the report please ring the office before we finish on Friday 17th July.

Year 6- if your year 6 child is currently attending school we will be giving the children their annual report on Thursday 9th July so please ensure you ask your child for it! Those year 6s who aren't in school at the moment you are invited to come and collect your annual reports from the main reception between 9am and 12 noon on Friday 10th July. Mrs Bridges will be here handing them out. Please do not come in big friendship groups. We will also have ready to collect any belongings that were left in class back in March in readiness for changing schools.

Summer holiday opening: I can now confirm that we will not be opening over the summer holidays. It is important that the staff have a break ahead of what will be a challenging term in September. The teachers have worked continuously throughout the coronavirus period and their wellbeing is incredibly important so we can be on top form ready for all the children coming back in September. We also feel that offering catch up programmes in the summer wouldn't be appropriate for a variety of reasons. We are proudly amongst a minority of schools in Banbury who have at least one full time Teaching Assistant in every class so we are able to offer all of our children an excellent provision every day not just part of a short term catch up programme. Thank you for your understanding.

Keep well and stay safe,

Mrs Sarah Horbury-Jakeman
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