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Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 6

We come to the end of another challenging term. The world is no longer how we once knew it. The children have continued to be amazing and I have seen some brilliant Home Learning – well done to those pupils who received a Praise Postcard from me for some outstanding learning.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have been sending lovely messages of support to my team – it is much appreciated. My staff have been coming in on a regular basis to provide support for children and families. This is taking a toll on us all, but we still strive on. A heartfelt thank you.

The government decision to open schools on the 1st of June remains highly controversial. I am sure you will have seen the ongoing debate on the news and social media. I have had to make some very difficult decisions, in consultation with Governors and staff, about Term 6. I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause some families, but ultimately, I have to be led by my duty to keep children and staff safe as possible. None of us want to operate like this in an ideal world. In the same way that none of us predicted this situation would arise to such an extent back at the beginning of March.

As you will have seen in my letter sent out on Tuesday 19th May, the school will be open for split sessions for Years R, 1 and 6, as well as for key worker and vulnerable families from 1st June until 19th June. If parents wish to send their children in from these year groups, there is an expectation that they commit to sending their children in regularly, in order to fully benefit from the teaching they will be receiving.

Due to the fact that teachers will now be teaching in class and planning for these lessons, this will limit their ability to set the level of home learning that has been provided until now, as well as their ability to provide personal feedback via the email system. From the 1st of June, children staying at home will be directed to BBC Bitesize Daily website, weekly spellings, maths games and some topic work. However, as the Government have told us that we still need to deliver a curriculum to those pupils attending school from 1st June, it will not be possible for teachers to provide the level of planning and work that they have been doing until now, nor the daily email feedback. We will continue to review this, but this will be the position from 1st June.

The current situation is constantly changing and who knows what will change from the time of writing this letter to the beginning of next term. I wish you all a safe and pleasant half term holiday and I hope to see some of the children in person on the 1st June.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. R. Boyjoonauth

Principal



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