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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have heard that the Government announced last week that schools will not be expected to welcome back all pupils in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 before the end of the Summer term. This will have come as a great disappointment to many of you. However, this week the Government also stated that, where schools have the capacity to do so, they may bring back some pupils in these year groups.

Current guidance states that pupils should be taught in 'bubbles' of no more than 15. We are still admitting children of key workers who may not have attended prior to 1 June, as well as pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We are constantly reviewing the situation in light of our pupil numbers and it has become apparent that we do have the capacity to bring back our Year 5 children from next Tuesday. Unfortunately, we do not have the space to accommodate Nursery or other year groups for the remainder of the term.

Due to the smaller class sizes advocated by the Government from the 1 June, there has been an increase in the teaching commitment from our staff to cover 'bubbles'. In order to provide some parity between pupils educated at home and those pupils permitted to be in school, we have requested that staff continue to support the children in Years 2, 3 and 4 at home using Google classroom to upload links to BBC Bitesize lessons and Nursery children with work on Tapestry. The children can still of course upload any of the lovely activities they have done onto the class stream or Tapestry and teachers will endeavour to comment when they are not teaching in school.

Many of you will want to know about school arrangements for September. Unfortunately, we cannot give information on this until we have received further confirmation from the Government. We are also working closely with Hertfordshire County Council. Please be assured that we will provide further details as soon as we can.

Thank you for continuing to support the school at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Clare McFlynn