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Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. Thank you for your continued support. Please let me start the letter by highlighting that the safety of our students and staff is the most important element of our work in these unprecedented times.

We are currently only open in term time for students of key workers for two days a week 10-2. This will continue until July 17th.

On Monday 15th June, we will be doing our next review of staffing levels and safety levels and then slowly increasing provision for families who have identified that they need a place. These placements will look different from our usual school day- this may be a one or two day provision for a shorter day. There will be a rota and guidelines sent to all families.

The families who have indicated that they need provision will be contacted the week beginning 8th June with updates and potential rotas.

Our school looks very different now. We have to maintain social distancing at all times, have had to remove some resources and all staff will be wearing full PPE. The children who attend school, based on risk assessment may not be in their normal class group or with their current staffing. It will be a very gradual re opening of Wren.

Thank you for returning the family surveys. I am collating all thoughts and suggestions and using these as part of our recovery plan.

We are continually discussing the recovery of the school and the transition from our current position, gradual managed expansion to a sustainable provision until the elimination of the COVID 19 risk.

We held a virtual meeting yesterday. The meeting was attended by Leaders from the Trust, Wren Leadership Team, a Parent Representative, our Chair of Governors, and representatives of the following staff at the school - Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Pastoral, Administration and Premises.



All discussions are based on foundations of safety and wellbeing for students and staff. Special schools remain tasked with providing provision for those students identified through risk assessment and the children of key workers. This is irrespective of year group. The task for special schools is to gradually increase numbers based on the safety criteria by the end of the summer term but only when it is safe to do so.

It is important to recognise that the Covid situation in the UK is ever changing. Therefore, the opening of schools could be delayed again, depending on the 'R' level.

I would like to reassure you that you can keep your child at home until September 2020 without the risk of attendance penalties.

I hope that this addresses some concerns at this time of high anxiety and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support.

We will continue to call you once/twice a week and virtual work is available for you. We are also looking at the potential of some virtual sessions so children can see their peers and staff.

All the school staff want to return to school and we are missing the students very much. We are all hoping to see the 'R' level decrease so the Wren community can safely return to our school community.

Please remember you can contact us via text or email, we are here for you.

Take care and continue to stay safe,

Joanna Cliffe
Headteacher