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PARENT UPDATE

Dear parent(s),

Return to School

Firstly, I write to you this morning in relation to the return to school of our pupils in August/September 2020. As you will be aware, I asked parents at the beginning of last week to complete a short survey, in order to gather some information and thoughts on the return to school of our pupils. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and for sharing your opinions with us.

On Friday 19th June, new guidance was presented to school leaders by the Department of Education. As I have said throughout this period of school closure, I want to keep parents up to date and informed with any new developments and as such, I wish to inform you of the school's current position on the return to school.

It is our view that whilst adhering to the advice and guidance from the department, we hope to be in a position to offer a 'full' return to school for all our boys and girls in August/September, albeit with **strict social distancing, classroom organisation and hygiene measures in place**. *(Subject to no changes from the current guidance)*
This reopening of school will not see us return as it was in March, before we closed, however it will mean our children coming to school 5 days per week, maximising the amount of teacher/pupil interaction.

The finer details of our school return are still to be finalised and the structures required to be put in place. When exact arrangements and protocols have been approved, these will be shared with parents as soon as possible so please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page over the days and weeks ahead. We hope that this announcement today will help relieve some concerns you may have had about what school will look like in August/September.

Over the last number of weeks and months the pupils of our school have missed out on many learning experiences and opportunities and we now look forward to the reopening of our school and the return of the boys and girls to the classroom.

Thank you once again for your support and understanding throughout this period and I look forward to getting back in touch in the coming weeks with further plans and information on the reopening of school. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Collection/Return of Books and Belongings

School will be open on **Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th June from 9am-10:30am** in order for parents to return and collect the children's books and belongings. Reading books sent home during the period of school closure should also be returned during this period. A small number of parents will be allowed into the school building at any one time and social distancing guidelines must be followed.

School will close for the summer on Tuesday 30th June, so we ask that all belongings are returned and collected at the suggested times.

School Reports

End of year reports for each pupil will be posted on Tuesday 23rd June. Could I ask that each parent sends a short text message to the school mobile in order to confirm receipt of your child's report.

** School Mobile - 07902984046*

Virtual Prize Day / Pupil Recognition

Please pay attention to our school website and Facebook page at **7pm on Wednesday 24th June** in order to view our virtual prize day and pupil achievement recognition. Whilst we were obviously unable to hold this event in school this year, we still wish to mark the achievements of all the boys and girls in our school. Any cups and trophies awarded will be presented to the children at a suitable time in the future.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries on any of the above or other any other questions you may have, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Black
(Principal)