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Dear Parents/carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. I would like to thank everyone in our school community for their kindness and encouragement during these difficult times. The feedback from families has been overwhelmingly supportive and all staff appreciate your kind words and actions. The amount of people placing a stone on Eddie the Edmondsley Snake and interacting with our Facebook page has astounded us and we are proud to serve such a wonderful community. Staff have been busy in school and at home to continue to support our children and families and have been doing work behind the scenes to further improve our amazing school. We were sad that the renovation work to our Nursery building was halted due to COVID-19 but work has been able to continue this week- how exciting! We are currently recruiting a caretaker/handyperson to join our team in September.

Wider Re-opening - 15th June

School has remained open every day since 23rd March, including bank holidays and the Easter holidays, to support the children of key worker parents. We currently have three keyworker bubbles in school and places for these children remain our first priority. Due to a limited number of staff available to work in school, once our keyworker bubbles were staffed, we only had capacity to bring back one more bubble as part of our wider reopening. Following government guidance of prioritising EYFS children in the first instance (after Keyworker children), we welcomed back our Nursery and Reception children on 15th June and they are having a wonderful time in their bubble. We do not have capacity to welcome back any more pupils to school as all staff and rooms are now allocated to our four bubbles.

Returning to School in the Autumn Term

As we approach the end of this academic year, all be it in a different way to normal, our thoughts and planning begin to move towards September. We are very aware that families, both existing and new, have a lot of questions as to how the next academic year will look, when it will start for your child and if/how different it will be. Unfortunately, as we await further Government advice and guidance, we are not in a position to answer such questions at the moment. That said, we would like to reassure you that we are working hard to plan and prepare as much as we can for September with the information we have available to us.

We are aware that some parents would like their children to stay with their existing teacher in September so that they can 'repeat the year' or 'spend more time with a familiar face'. However, the decision to move staff to different year groups is not a straightforward and simple one as any moves made are done so to best support all of our children. All of our staff are wonderful and they all put the best interests of our children at the forefront of all that they do. We are a small, tight-knit school and all staff know all of our pupils. Therefore, we will be moving all year groups up into their new classes when they return to school in the Autumn term to start work on their recovery curriculum with their new class teacher. A letter will be included with the end of year reports at the beginning of July to inform KS2 parents which class their child will be in.

Staff Organisation for 2020-2021

Headteacher	Mrs A. Rees	
Office manager	Mrs A. Haswell	
Stag Class teacher (Year 5/6)	Miss Z. McCulloch	
Deer class teacher (Year 4/5)	Mr M. Glenton	(Deputy Headteacher)
Rabbit Class teacher (Year 3/4)	Miss L. Skidmore	
Squirrel Class teacher (Year 2)	Mrs J. Anderson	(SENDCO)
Hedgehog Class teacher (Year 1)	Mrs M. Graham	
Butterfly Class teacher (Reception)	Mrs S. Hume	
Caterpillar Class teacher (Nursery)	Mrs L. Jameson	
PPA Cover	Mrs A. Holmes	

Our wonderful teaching assistants will continue to support across our classes to ensure all children's needs are fully met.

Recovery Curriculum

Staff are working hard to create a new recovery curriculum to support all of our pupils in their learning as they return. We are mindful of the fact that the majority of pupils have been learning at home since 20th March 2020, using the weekly home learning grids so we are working on a curriculum which focuses on the principle areas of learning blended with a much greater focus on social and emotional well-being for all of our pupils. This will evolve as our pupils' needs evolve. The government has stated that pupils, in every year group will be able to access extra support, and we are already considering how best to create this new blended learning model, within the confines of COVID-19.

Uniform

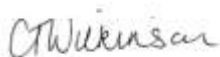
We have received some questions from parents about school uniform in September. Current guidance states that children should wear freshly washed clothes every day. However, the financial implications of purchasing five uniforms may be prohibitive and we do not want to add to anyone's financial burdens. We have therefore relaxed our uniform policy to accommodate that. We would suggest that moving forward for September, where possible, pupils have two sets of uniform so that one can be being washed whilst the other is being worn, but if this is not possible, children can wear a polo shirt or school sweatshirt with their own bottoms.

Summer Holidays

To give parents time to plan, government guidance currently states that schools are able to close to **all pupils**, including key workers, during the summer holidays. It is our current intention to close to all pupils for the six-week break. We will break up on Friday 17th July 2020 and reopen on Thursday 3rd September 2020. We look forward to welcoming more pupils back in September and we are sure you will join us in celebrating their return as soon as government guidance makes this possible.

As with everything surrounding COVID-19, there is a lot of uncertainty so please bear with us as we work through things. Remember, we are here to support you in any way we can during this pandemic. If you ring or email school, we will do our best to help you or point you in the right direction of someone who can.

Kind regards,



Chloe Wilkinson
Acting Headteacher

