Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you who completed the survey to help us to make plans for the potential phased reopening of schools from 8th June. As detailed in my last letter, we are only able to open at the moment to children of Key Workers and children in Nursery and Reception at the earliest from Monday 8th June. We will contact you as soon as we can when and if we are able to bring back pupils from Year 1.

It is important for everyone to understand that even though our intention, as outlined in this and previous letters, is to open further from Monday 8th June this will only happen if we can demonstrate to the Board of Trust in Learning that everything is in place to protect all the children and staff.

The parent survey raised a number of concerns and questions. We have put together a Frequently Asked Questions Document which is also attached with this email and I will put on the school website which I hope will answer many of your questions in relation to any wider opening.

Home Learning
Thank you to all those of you who have been supporting your children with their home learning alongside the demands of childcare, work and home commitments. Staff have done an excellent job in providing daily activities and responding to comments and work shared. However, as more children – and teachers – return to school, our home learning provision will change slightly.

From Monday 8th June, home learning provision will be as follows –

For EYFS:
- Work will be posted via Class Dojo, the school website and on the ILDs once for the whole of Term 6
- This will include a Home Learning grid for the Term’s Topic work and will include a range of cross-curricular activities developing skills in maths, literacy, knowledge and understanding of the world etc.
- Teachers will post additional complimentary activities twice weekly on ILDs (i.e. phonics, maths, creative tasks) so that regular interaction with pupils and parents can be maintained

For Year 1 to Year 6:
- Work will be posted via Class Dojo and on the year pages of the school website on a fortnightly basis for English and Maths and for the whole of Term 6 for Topic
- Children can continue to practise reading, spelling and times tables skills using sites such as Bug Club, Spelling Shed, Nessy (where appropriate) and TT Rockstars.
- Spellings for Term 6 will also be posted on the relevant Year Group pages on the website.
- Class teachers will be expected to check in with messages and post short feedback on Class Dojo once a week to maintain a sense of connection with pupils and parents.
- If we find we have capacity to respond to messages and shared work more often, we will aim to do this.

In the last two weeks of Term 6, we will move away from focusing on specific subject areas and have a focus on Transition across the school. Pupils will be supported to reflect on the year with all of its challenges and special moments and will also look ahead and prepare for the future.

As ever, please do contact us at any point if you need further support and guidance around home learning and how to best support your child.

Thank you all for your understanding and I will be in touch with more updates when I am able.

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