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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well and that you have enjoyed this very pleasant sunshine. It would appear, that it may continue for another week!

I wanted to give you another update (yes, another one) before we welcome children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 back to school next week. I promise this will not be as long as previous letters!

The staff and I have spent a long time preparing the school for the phased return of children to school. Classrooms have been restructured and staff have been briefed on new procedures that will need to be followed in order to keep everyone safe. These procedures have already been explained in my previous letter, so I will try not to repeat myself. However, in order to prepare the children, today, Mrs Roseblade and some of the Key Worker's children put together a video to help the children see what is likely to happen when they return to school next Monday; if they are. This video can be found on the school website under the 'Coronavirus Updates' tab. Please watch this video with your children. We hope that it will give you some idea of what to expect on Monday. Alongside this newsletter, I have written a separate letter to the children. Please do read this to them.

One thing I really want to emphasise is the daily information we will still require for you, if you have children in Reception, Year 1 and/or Year 6. Even if you have chosen to keep your child at home and not send them to school, we need you to contact the school daily, either by phone or email, to let us know that you are keeping your child at home. This is important as it enables us to continue to comply with our safeguarding procedures in knowing where the children are. This may seem odd, as you have already told us whether or not the children will be returning. However, now that the Government have indicated that the time is right for the children to return to school, we are now moving from a provision of childcare, back to face-to-face learning. As I said previously, there is no suggestion currently that there will be penalties if you keep your child at home. However, we have been told that we need to reinstate the attendance registers and we will need to enter correct codes for the children. I would be grateful if you could help with this. There will be no need for you to inform us if you have children in Year 2,3,4 or 5 as they are not yet invited back to school. Learning will still be set for completion at home. Thank you again for all your efforts with this.

In addition, if you are a critical worker and you have indicated your child will be in school, but then they are not able to attend, we would be grateful if you would let us know please. Again, this is for safeguarding reasons so that we know where the children are if they are not with us.

One final point. We have not been informed that milk will start to be delivered again, so it is important that the children remember to bring a water bottle to school with them. This can be filled up at school as usual if needed.

Please have a lovely and safe weekend.

With warmest wishes,

David Crunkhurn Headteacher









