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Dear Parent/Carer

Last week I wrote to you to let you know that we were looking into the feasibility of offering all children the opportunity to return to school before the summer holidays. I feel it is essential for the school to do this as I want all children to have some face-to-face learning after such a long time away from school.

I am pleased to inform you that we are able to invite each class back into school for a two week (nine school days) school transition opportunity. During their time in school they will be taught by their existing class teacher as well as their new teacher for September. We hope their time in school will allow teachers the chance to identify gaps that have emerged since lock down and help children settle back into school routines. Time with their new teacher should reduce their anxiety about their upcoming class move and build their self-confidence for the new school year.

In order to be able to adhere to the current limits on class size, and maintain the social distancing guidance in place, we are only able to do this by dividing the end of term into two blocks. Half of the children will be in school for each block. Each class will operate as two bubbles based with their current teacher and their new teacher. The block will last for nine days to allow time on the tenth day (Friday) for classrooms and resources to be sanitised and give planning and preparation time to teachers. We appreciate that for some families this means siblings may not be attending together but we hope you appreciate that we have based the provision around the most worthwhile learning experience for children.

Unfortunately for this to be able to happen, we will need to end the term two weeks earlier for Year 1 and Year 6 pupils on Thursday 2nd July to make space for the other classes. We will of course continue to offer homeschooling support for these year groups. Reception children, however, work as a separate unit and we will be able to continue with their schooling until the end of term as originally planned.

This is an offer for those who would like their children to return. I understand that some families may wish to continue homeschooling their children until the end of the term for many reasons and we fully support you in this decision.

Block 1 Monday 22 June - Thursday 2nd July	Block 2 Monday 6 July - Thursday 16 July
Reception children will continue to attend school over both blocks.	
Willow Class (Year 1)	



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Chestnut Class (Year 3)	Ash and Birch Classes (Year 2)
Rowan Class (Year 4)	Beech Class (Year 4)
Juniper and Hazel Classes (Year 6)	Maple and Alder Classes (Year 5)

Provision for key workers and vulnerable children will continue to be provided for the remainder of the term. Priority will be given to key workers in accordance with the [Government guidance](#). A separate booking sheet will be emailed out for this.

Can I please ask parents with children in Year 2, 3 4 and 5 to complete the form [here](#) by 3p.m. Wednesday 17th June to let us know whether or not you would like to register your child for their two week block. (Please note, we are unable to offer wrap around childcare due to current restrictions). Children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 have already been invited to register for a place for their child and therefore do not need to complete the form.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Heather Cape
Headteacher