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Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID 19 Update

I'm sure you will have seen the news regarding the wider opening of schools to Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5. The Government have announced that Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will NOT be returning on 1st July and the likely date for a return is September 2020. I appreciate that this is very frustrating for parents particularly if you are returning to work.

We are currently using all of our classrooms for Nursery, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 plus 3 classrooms for keyworker/vulnerable children.

Unfortunately, until there is a change in government guidance in relation to the size of groups (currently a maximum of 15 pupils) or until there is any change in social distancing guidance, the school does not have the staffing capacity or physical capacity. Therefore as regretful as it is, we are unable to admit any further children at this point,

We are continuing to accommodate pupils whose parents are employed as Key Workers as defined by the government guidance, with parents providing proof from their employer.

As a school we would love to see all children back in full time education, however ensuring the safety of pupils and staff at this time is paramount to our decision making.

We will continue to provide work on the HCAT website and seesaw for Year's 2,3,4,5 and we will be including a weekly reflection sheet on seesaw for any year group to complete. Any child from **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 are still able to join us at school – we are all having a fabulous time in school whilst maintaining social distancing and washing hands at every opportunity as advised by the government.**

We are modelling games for all children around social distancing so they can be safe whilst playing, and interacting with other children, such as 'Touch the Shadow' rather than touch the person whilst playing tig. We will keep you updated on Twitter, Facebook and Seesaw wherever we possibly can.

May we take the opportunity of reminding all parents of the procedures we are adhering to regarding social distancing within school especially when on the playground. The staggered times have recently been reviewed, Foundation and nursery pupils can come into school from 8.45am, year 1 from 9.00am. Foundation can be collected from 2.45pm, year 1 and nursery from 3.00pm.

By the end of this week everyone should have received their guardian angels from school to let you know that we are thinking about you all.

We would love to place anybody's painted rocks around Brian Cleggs tree – please bring them up to school and you can place them around the tree.

Thank you for your continued support at this difficult time. We will keep you updated as and when we receive any further guidance from the Government.

Keep safe everyone,
Best wishes,

M Binns

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Headteacher

