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Weekly Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well.

We have enjoyed another busy but successful week in school with many of our year six pupils returning.

We now have 73% of our Reception cohort, 63% of our year one children and 91% of our year sixes back in school on a part-time basis. The children (and staff) have been fantastic, adapting well to the changes in school routines and I greatly appreciate the support of our parents in ensuring punctuality. This has enabled our staggered arrivals and collections to run as smoothly as possible and will continue to be very important moving forward.

Whilst we appreciate that many more children are missing the social interaction that school provides, unfortunately until the rules on social distancing and expectations around limiting contacts are relaxed, we will not be in a position to welcome more children back into school. All of our available teaching staff have already been assigned to a 'teaching bubble' within the prioritised returning groups and therefore will not yet be able work with additional groups of children from alternative year groups.

Next week staff and governors will review our progress to date and consider the logistics of accommodating a higher number of the current 'bubbles' on site at any one time. These procedures will inform our planning for possible scenarios in September.

Behind the scenes we are also continuing to develop the potential of our remote learning offer. We are working with an accredited provider to set up and deploy G suite for Education. With any online platform, there are many elements for schools to consider, particularly around the configuration of security settings and data protection. Whilst some schools will have already been using platforms such as Google Classroom before lock down, and therefore will have these assurances in place, we are currently working our way through this to enhance the way we are potentially able to remotely interact with children in the future. We will update you as we progress with this project.

Staff are also meeting next week to consider how we can support the transition of pupils who are not yet back in school. Again, we will be in touch with parents to share our plans.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'C. Hancy'.

Caroline Hancy