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Dear Parents and carers,

I am in a position to invite Year 5 pupils back to RAPS week beginning 13th July for one week only, the sessions would run from 8.45 -11.45. This would be instead of the Picnic on the Wednesday 22nd July. Only a limited number of places will be available and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. **If you would like a place then please let the office know by 3.00pm Friday 3rd July.**

Many things will remain the same for our pupils. Learning will still be important and we will still expect children to try their best in everything they do. Warning cards, red cards and praise cards will still be used and we are still very much a team who is there for one another.

However, there will have to be some changes and these are outlined below:

Organisation of pupils and staff

- We will continue to use the 2-metre social distancing rule with both children and adults as much as we possibly can.
- The children will be in a group with up to 15 other children from their year group.
- To minimise risk, the children will not be able to socialise with children from different groups. They will remain within their group for the duration of their time at school.
- Children will be allocated their own seat to use throughout the day.
- The children will not necessarily be with their usual class teacher. We will be using all available RAPS staff to lead the groups.
- Arrival and departure from school will be staggered and there will be a shorter school day.
- Children will be NOT be expected to wear school uniform: a clean set of clothes is expected to be worn every day to minimise contamination.
- Sadly for the moment, Parents/carers will not be allowed into the school. You will have to drop your child off at the classroom door. All communication will be via telephone or email.
- Unfortunately, we will not be able to send reading books or other resources between home and school. Please do not allow your child to bring in any toys or resources from home.
- We want the children access as much time outside as possible, so each group will be allocated its own outside space.

Entry and exit plans

- There will be staggered start and end times.
- Classroom doors will be open 10 minutes prior to start times to allow for a staggered entry.
- Parents must not arrive on the school site earlier than their designated start/end times.

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- There will be a one-way system around the school for parents dropping off and collecting. This will be clearly marked out. Reception parent's entrance will be through the gate by Mrs Barnes' classroom. Year 1 and 6's entrance will be the entrance the gate by the dance studio. All parents will leave via the front gate to Newington Road by Team Spurrier.
- Only one adult can drop off and collect each child.
- The pedestrian gate to the drop off carpark will be closed.
- Anxious children will not be coaxed in to school - if they are reluctant and a parent wishes them to attend, they should remain at home until an individual plan for the child can be established.

Maintaining good hygiene/Use of the toilets

- Groups of children will have access to their own toilets.
- Yr 5 children- only one child will be allowed in the toilets at a time.
- All classrooms have sinks for regular handwashing. Hand sanitiser will also be provided.
- At lunchtimes, class-based staff will be assisted by SLT and premises team to wipe down classrooms and equipment.
- Everyone coming onto the school site will be expected to use hand sanitiser and have their temperature taken.
- Children must bring in their own (named) water bottles as the water fountains will be turned off.

I know that parents' reactions to these measures will vary greatly - some may feel they are a little extreme, but to others, they may not seem enough. What we have made clear is that the decision as to whether or not to send your child to school lies in the parent's hands. We will not be imposing any penalty notices to families who decide to keep their children at home.

As I also stated in my previous letter, the curriculum will be adapted to allow the children the opportunity to re-establish relationships and routines. We will be maximising the use of outside space, taking the learning outside as much as possible throughout the day. Our primary concern will be initially to help our pupils adapt to the new measures and systems, manage the children's expectations, and to continue to maintain their well-being and help them to develop new ways to learn. For those families who choose to keep their child at home, there will still be Home Learning, but this will be somewhat reduced as the class teacher has to focus on the children under their care in the classroom.

I thank you for your support and co-operation in these difficult and uncertain times.

Kind regards



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