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Wider opening of school

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with an update on school re-opening to wider year groups. As you know, the Board of Governors and I have been following the guidance of the Local Authority on how best to safely open schools to our children.

Schools, initially, were asked to open to Key Worker children and those children deemed vulnerable from June 1st. This offer has been open for the duration, meaning that as Key Workers return to work (for various reasons) they are entitled to a place in school for their children. From 15th June, schools were asked to open to Year 6 so as to help them in their transition to Year 7 and have some insight into the various high schools across the region that will be welcoming them in September. This has been very successful, and many Year 6 children are now in attendance.

Due to the strict number of children safely allowed on site based on the current social distancing measures and the large uptake of places in the above groups, school has now reached safe capacity (considering Key Worker availability will increase). Therefore, we will not be in a position to open to further year groups until September.

As many of you will have seen in the news today, The Department for Education expects all children to return to School from September and this is our intention. As you can appreciate, this presents many logistical challenges for us which we are currently working to overcome. These challenges include staffing, room availability, provision for dinners and arrivals and departures whilst keeping at the heart of our approach, the health and safety of all our children, staff and families. As such I will write again with our plans in the coming weeks. Staffing will be shared with parents as soon as possible, at the latest, early next week.

I can't express enough my gratitude and thanks to you all for your patience and understanding throughout this period. I have been delighted to correspond by phone or email with many of you not only around school issues but also about families and children. I can assure you that the staff and I, as well as the Board of Governors are working daily to ensure that when we can all be back in school from September, you can have confidence in the fact that your children are safe here. More to follow; and thank you all once again.

Kind regards,

A Hudson
Headteacher