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Dear Parents,

We hope that this letter finds you and your families well.

You will be aware that the government is suggesting a potential return to school for the children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 6 from the 1st of June 2020.

This week, we have met virtually to share ideas and discuss what a return to our schools might look like. Each of the schools in Bursledon, Hamble and Netley are of course different, however it was good to consider some common points and we hope that by having a united approach where we can, this may be helpful to our wider community. We also met with Mr Govan, headteacher of The Hamble School. Individual information from The Hamble School will be sent to their parents in time and their provision/ timescales will of course differ from the arrangements we are proposing for the primary schools.

This letter will not give the details for the potential return for individual year groups in each of the individual schools. Specific details will depend upon many things, including the size and lay out of each of the schools, along with the availability of staffing.

We would like to share our initial plans with you; these are of course subject to change. The government may release further guidance that causes these to change, however, we are keen to share with you what we can, so that this information can support any plans you may need to make.

Dates for the Return of Specific Year Groups

At this point in time, we have decided that **no children will be in school until towards the end of the week beginning Monday 1st June**. The schools will be following the government priority order of accommodating the children of key workers first, then children in Year R, followed by the children in Year 1 and Year 6 where schools are able to. There will be a difference in what the individual schools can provide, this will also be dependent upon being an Infant, Junior or Primary school.

Given the information we currently have with regards to what schools are still required to provide and the risk assessments we are beginning to formulate; we have decided that the return to school will be for a **maximum four days a week however this may be less in the infant schools as groups return**. This will allow us on the fifth day to undertake several things, including meeting as a whole school team to review the risk assessments on a weekly basis, making any necessary tweaks and changes to endeavour to ensure the lowest levels of risk we can possibly achieve. This time would also be used for an additional weekly clean (in addition to the daily cleaning) of all the areas used by the children, and will allow for the cleaning of resources, for example those that might need to go through a washing machine or soak in a cleaning product. We anticipate that staff will also be required to continue to provide 'home learning' for the children who are not in school, this is something that they would still want to do and so would also be done on this day. We will all continue to be open for childcare provision for the children of Key Workers, should parents require this. We ask for your support in arranging your work time where possible to reduce the number of children requiring this service on the closure day wherever possible. This is because we are trying to protect the integrity of 'school bubbles' for children.

School Uniform

Children should all wear their school uniforms on return to school, this includes the children in the Key Worker groups. We understand that some children may have grown out of some parts of their uniform, and we will be flexible with this on an individual basis. As we will be encouraging staff to have the children outside as much as possible, we are happy for them to wear trainers instead of school shoes for the remainder of the summer term.

Lunches

The schools will be able to provide a lunch from the school kitchen, these will be provided in a 'lunch box' that can then be eaten within their 'school bubble' to reduce the contact with other children and staff. You can of course provide a packed lunch for your child should you wish. As far as we are aware the Universal Free School Meal for infant children remains in place whilst the child is present in school. Currently, we will continue with provision for those families who are entitled to Free School Meals. As far as we are aware this will continue in the current format for each of the individual schools.

All of this information and planning is of course, subject to change however we hope that it is useful to you to have our intended plan. We will keep you fully updated of any major changes and each school will of course be sending out their own specific plans when these are available.

Yours sincerely,

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