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Re: Updates on Keyworker Provision and Phase 1 Wider Opening – Year 6.

Dear Parents and Carers

I thought I'd write and update you on how things are progressing with the provision for Key Worker Children and Year 6, some of whom began on Monday; the remainder coming in today. As we'd expect, the Year 6s are getting more used to new routines and schedules and have been busy acclimatising themselves to their "bubble" and staying within this throughout the day. The Key Worker provision has grown, as we thought it might and we've been monitoring how we ensure the social distancing whilst also being mindful of the areas that Reception children and Year 1 will eventually fill. Once our evaluations of this week have been completed, I'll write again and inform you when we'll move into the second phase and invite Year R children to return, this will lead to individual correspondence with the relevant parents.

In the interim, some parents will have seen that we're still working to ensure that those children at home are kept very much part of our thinking and our provision. Tomorrow, I'm hoping to welcome as many children as possible to our assembly via Zoom at 9.30am. Details were sent out earlier in the week and if children are happy and wanting to take part, all I'd ask is that there's an adult supervising at home during the assembly. It would be good for the children to have some paper and pens ready too, so they can communicate back with me. As far as possible, I'll run the assembly like we'd have in school and this will take the place of the virtual assembly for this week. Depending how we get on, it might be that we move to Zoom between now and the end of the academic year for these. Year 6 have also been invited to a Zoom lesson next Tuesday which will be a chance for us to talk about their transition to their secondary schools and Year 2-5 teachers will also be in touch with their classes about holding Zoom calls with them across next week. Year R and 1 will continue with the phone calls and PINGS at the moment.

In terms of future correspondence to expect, there'll be the update around opening to the Reception children whose parents have said they want to send their children back, plus also details of the transition arrangements into the new classes and how the end of Year Reports will be distributed – at the moment, our thinking is that we'll invite parents and children to collect their reports and couple this with the chance for you to say goodbye to the teachers that your children have had this year. I've also heard rumours of staff videos that we'll send to children in order to introduce them to their new teachers for September – please keep this as a surprise for them!

As always, if there is anything else that you need or if I can offer clarity on our arrangements for you, please do contact me at school.

With very best wishes,

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