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Dear Parents

I hope this letter finds you well, and coping in these difficult times.

We are moving into week three of our controlled phased return to school for Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and their siblings, in addition to our key worker and vulnerable children.

It is truly lovely welcoming the children back to school and seeing them all so happy to be here! It is amazing, after all this time, to see such happiness and hear their uninhibited, carefree laughter. The teachers and TAs loved having the children return to some sort of normality, and are making sure that the days are filled with fun.

You may be wondering what life is like in school at the moment, with all the safety measures that we have had to put in place. Well, some things are different -there are staggered drop-off and pick-up times, a one-way system around the school building, and additional hygiene procedures in place.

Our classrooms only hold 10 pupils, with social distancing measures in place, so pupils are grouped into 10's. These groups (or 'bubbles', to use government phraseology) stay together throughout the school day, a bit like a large family group. They have separate playtimes to other groups, in separate areas of the school grounds. The pupils are thriving in the company of others, and are benefitting from the social and emotional support that school is providing.

From the 29th June we will be moving into stage two of our controlled phased return and will be welcoming back children in all year groups across the school. The response to the survey was amazing with over 100 families responding. So exciting times ahead - letter will be posted out next week (22nd June 2020) giving explicit details about which phase your child will be in.

It was also fantastic speaking with the many parents who came this week to collect the new work books ordered by the school for every child. We fully understand having to download and print work sheets at home is a cost exercise. We hope the children enjoy the new work packs. Thank you to the families who are continuing to engage with the daily online learning work set on Education City.



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I do not know what the government will decide about a wider school opening from September onwards. I am hopeful that we will be able to welcome all our children back, as soon as it is safe for us to do so.

In the meantime, please keep in touch, and let us know if you need any help, either with home learning, or with family support.

We will continue to do our very best to help you.

Yours Sincerely

Sarah Griffin
Headteacher

