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Dear Parents

Covid – 19 Update 30.06.2020

In this update I will cover the following:

- ✚ School capacity
- ✚ Continued support for home learning
- ✚ Summer holiday provision
- ✚ New classes September 2020
- ✚ Transition arrangements
- ✚ Recovery planning for September

School Capacity

School has continued to take a small number of children into school where we have the capacity to do so. Groups remain capped at 15 pupils and we have a number of staff shielding, which means that our workforce deployment is now maximised. I am pleased however with how we have responded to the partial return and you can see that we compare favourably with Norfolk's return averages.

| | Year Reception | Year 1 | Year 6 |
|---------|----------------|--------|--------|
| Norfolk | 36% | 31% | 46% |
| Eaton | 67% | 57% | 82% |

We currently have 154 children back at school, about 39% of our school roll. This includes our keyworker children, many of who have attended since the start of lock down. This of course leaves the majority of our children at home, and it is my aim to continue to provide these families with quality support and learning services up to the end of this term.

Continued support for home learning

To improve our home learning offer, we made a number of focused changes last week which I hope parents are finding helpful. These included introducing a weekly planner for maths and English lessons, supported by daily teaching clips. In addition to this, all children are invited to a group meeting with their teacher and other children in their class. Feedback from parents so far has been hugely positive. If you didn't get the chance to take part in the weekly conference last week, we will give you a quick call to see if we can support you in anyway with future conferences.

To supplement this online provision, school has sent home to every child a set of CGP booklets. Those sent by post should be delivered by the end of the week. This has been in response to many parent survey comments, which mentioned having pencil and paper activities to work on at home.

The booklets can be used in addition to the online lessons or as an alternative. They are also useful for revision during the summer break, should parents want to hold them back for that purpose.

I am aware that most of our children are compelled to remain at home during this time and I hope that these measures will help with the on-going challenges that families are facing. In summary our home learning provision with time scales is as follows:

| Weekly online lesson planner | Daily online teacher demonstration clips | Weekly group Microsoft Teams pupil meetings | Wellbeing family calls | CPG booklets |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ends for summer break 24.07 | Ends for summer break 24.07 | Ends for summer break 17.07 | We will advise parents where to access support during the summer break. | Supplementary or alternative education provision for this term and/or summer break. |

Summer holiday provision

We have arranged to continue to keep provision available to children onsite through the summer break through Premier Sport's Holiday Camp scheme. Places for keyworkers will be prioritised, but all children aged 5 – 12 years who attend Eaton are able to book. This scheme is not open to children from other schools. Pupil groups will be capped at 12 with a maximum of 24 children onsite at any time. The camp will run 27.07 - 28.08 at a cost of £75 per week with a discount for early booking. Details of how to book are attached to this letter.

New classes September 2020

| Sept Cohort | Class teacher | Previous class | Class Teaching Assistant |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| RW | Jo Watson | New to school | Sophie Williamson, Vicky Loveday, Jo Connolly |
| RHS | Christina Hughston Lizzie Sully-Wood | New to school | Catherine Freestone Candace Liversage |
| 1G | Alex Gardner | Rabbits | Anna Mallinson |
| 1W | Vicky White | Hedgehogs | Diana Searle |
| 2C | Katy Collins | 1G | Sally Browne |
| 2T | Chloe Tilley | 1W | Shelley Robinson |
| 3H | Sam Hughes | 2C | Louise Tillett |
| 3MH | Lisa Major Suzie Heritage | 2T | Izzy Knowles |
| 4L | Alice Lavender | 3H | Lyn Fowler |
| 4J | Mark Jones | 3MA | Gemma Price |
| 5T | Sarah Totterdale | 4R | Catherine Lees |
| 5C | Fiona Curtis | 4L | Helen Cummins |
| 6M | Jenny Mathew | 5W | Jo Tozer |
| 6W | Jo Wells | 5T | Debbie Roberts |

To minimise disruption to children's learning and routines next year, maternity cover for Rebecca Rose and Lindsay Arnold will run September 2020 – August 2021. Fiona Curtis and Suzie Heritage will therefore be in post as class teachers for the whole of the academic year.

I am very pleased to welcome Mrs Curtis and Mrs Heritage to Eaton; both are experienced teachers and are looking forward to working starting with us in September.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Kate Carter at the end of the year. I thank her for everything she has done for the school as a teaching assistant and teacher. Kate has contributed so much to the high standard of provision that we have in our Reception classes and we will miss her greatly. I wish her all the very best for her new teaching position.

We also welcome Ms Candace Liversage who will join the Reception team as teaching assistant in September.

Transition Arrangements

Our priority for September is that all children are well supported emotionally for a return to school. I fully appreciate that children will be returning to school in unprecedented circumstances and we are planning to meet that challenge. On top of that, we face the challenges of running a transition program during a time when school is closed for most children.

Given all of the above, we have planned for every child (attending school **and** learning at home) to have at least an hour at school to meet with their new teacher before we break for summer - either together with their whole class or with part of the class.

For Year Six pupils, we will hold a socially distanced leavers BBQ lunch in small groups, so that we can say a heart-felt goodbye and good luck to everyone.

All of these meetings will be held outside and will be socially distanced. For children coming from home, an onsite socially distanced waiting area for parents will be available with refreshments.

It would be a very good thing if every child has been back to school at least once before we return in September, and further information and times for these transition arrangements are enclosed with this letter.

Recovery planning for September

The Secretary of State has this week indicated that school attendance from September will be compulsory for pupils of all ages except where there are local lockdowns.

School will therefore plan operationally for the following scenarios:

- *Compulsory return of all pupils to school in groups of up to 30.*
Almost all of our existing safety measures will remain in place.
- *In the event of local lockdown, a blend of in-school provision for keyworkers and home learning*
Our online home learning offer will be enhanced by IT investment from the Trust together with our developing expertise in delivering structured lessons and providing pupil support.

School leaders and the Trust are planning in detail for curriculum recovery as well. Much of our approach is informed by guidance from The Education Endowment Foundation. I will provide further information to parents as soon as plans are finalised.

Finally, can I thank everyone once again for the on-going support we are getting for the school during this time. It is really appreciated and keeps us all going! I will continue to update parents weekly and you can expect more information before the summer break on the following:

- ✚ Operational & Curriculum plans for September 2020

Yours faithfully



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