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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you all are staying well and coping as the “wheels of work and the world” start turning again? All challenging times as we start to see life trying return to some sort of “normal” whilst still very much in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic.

**The LA have as yet NOT given any date when they will consider approving schools in Nottingham City Local Authority to open to more children other than keyworker / vulnerable children.**

This is difficult I know as many of you are trying to plan for return to work yourself. We are prepared as a school for Year 6 to return as soon as the LA says we can. **I will contact you as soon as I have any definite information.**

Also—**if you are a parent of a child in Y1**—a letter has come to you so that you can tell us if you would like your child to return to school at the earliest opportunity. For parents of children in Reception and Nursery—you will be contacted next week with a letter—which details the *specifics* of your child’s classroom / layout / staffing so you are fully aware of the environment your child will be welcomed back to.

I understand there is lots out in the media / constant speculation and often a lack of clarity from school / LA / Government on exact dates but do always contact school or myself directly if you have questions or concerns. I will do my best to give you a straight answer!

**Q) Parents in Y2, Y3, Y4 or Y5 may talk about their child “hoping to be back before the summer” – how likely is this?**

From a personal standpoint, I think it is highly unlikely. We – at RHPS - are (as per government guidance) NOT working on a rota system. So if all children in Y6 / Y1 / Reception and Nursery return – we simply will not have space / staff to safely accommodate children in other year groups (except keyworker children). The plans will obviously evolve as time goes on and we will endeavour to keep you very informed of plans for September.



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**Q) What about next year? Transition? How will I know who my child's next class teacher will be?**

We have been in touch with those parents who have a child starting in Reception in September 2020. A starter pack will be sent out to them WB 22<sup>nd</sup> June. For all other year groups, information will come to you **WB 6<sup>th</sup> July**. This will include information about your child's teacher for September 2020 and activities / resources to aid transition.

The school (the site and staff) are working in unusual circumstances – we are set up and prepared to have more children in the building whilst acting on Government guidance to limit the spread of coronavirus. We are however, very much here for the Robin Hood School community – be that remotely or in person. We hope that when your child does return to school it is – as we would always want – to a safe and happy place where they can flourish and enjoy learning with their peers.

I know this is what I want for my own two children as they return to school and Nursery so I do share your concerns at this time. Please stay in touch with class teachers, talk to us about how you and your child is feeling and we will communicate as soon as we can with you about plans for the future,

As ever - do get in touch if you have any questions,

Best Wishes,

N C Bridges (Headteacher)