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Dear Parents,

This is a very quick note to give you advanced warning that as from next week, and in full consultation with staff, we have worked out a way that we can bring other classes back to school before the summer break. Because of the various rules and regulations as well as staff availability, we can't bring everyone back on a permanent, full time basis, but we are all in agreement that we should try and give everyone the chance to come into school before the end of the year.

Next week, we will start by welcoming Year 5 children back on Tuesday mornings from 9.15-11.15. On Thursday, Year 2 will be welcomed back at either 9.15-11.15 or 1.00-3.00.

If this works well, and staff are available, then in the week beginning 6th July we will look to bring Year 4 back on Mondays either 9.15-11.15 or 1.00-3.00) and Year 3 back on either Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons 1.00-3.00. I should emphasise that this will be dependent on staff availability as we may need to use Mr Renzi to teach a second Year 6 group, and Mrs Hawkins may need to continue to stay away from school following medical advice.

On Friday, I will write again with specific details regarding Year 5 and Year 2 children coming back next week. For Year 2 children, Miss Pillai will be splitting the class into two groups, and allocating either the morning or afternoon session for each child – please be aware that we won't be able to meet specific individual requests from families as there are other factors which need to be considered, she will, of course, try to ensure that children are placed with at least one of their friends. She will confirm your allocations with you when she phones home. Of course, there is no compulsion to send your child back to school if you prefer to keep them at home.

We know that coming back for these short sessions won't be the same as a proper coming back to school, but we hope it will give the children an opportunity to re-connect with their friends, classmates and teachers, talk about their Lockdown experiences and consider transition in preparation for the coming year. I'm really grateful to the staff who have worked so positively to make this happen.

Watch out for Friday's newsletter which will have more details for you.

Best wishes,

Maria Soulsby

