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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the first half of the summer term and I hope that you are all safe and well. On 1st June we begin the final part of this academic year. The home learning work packs have been incorporating some of the areas that we would have been covering, had we been at school. We will continue to do this next half term to support your child's learning. However, as I have said before, don't worry if you are unable to complete all the work; whenever we return to school, we shall focus on teaching to address the gaps in learning.

In my most recent letter later dated 20th May, I explained that we are currently planning to welcome back year 6 children from 8th June.

The information below is for the attention of all parents and carers, but please can only those with children in Year 6 complete the survey.

As you will be aware, the government has asked schools to prepare for a possible phased reopening from 1st June for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children, if they think it is safe to do so. We are keen to get the children back to school but our first priority is, and will always be, the health, safety and well-being of the children, families and staff of the Rokesly school community. We are currently working hard to plan for year 6 children to return to school. Going forward, we need to accept that school life will be different to how it usually is. We will do our best to keep the routines and lessons as normal as possible for the children but we are also realistic, and fully understand that social distancing amongst children in a school setting is extremely difficult. However, we will do our utmost to make sure that the children are safe, and that risks to them and all staff members are minimized at all times.

With this in mind, we understand that many of you may feel anxious about sending your child back to school. For some of you, this may not be an option: for example, if there is a family member who has a pre-existing medical condition. The government has made it clear that parents will not be penalised if they choose to keep their children at home during this time. However, once the school reopens to year 6 we will no longer be providing home learning packs for them, but we will direct you to websites that will be useful.

We are working closely with other schools and the local authority to plan our phased reopening and I am receiving guidance and support from governors, the Department for Education, Haringey Education Partnership and the unions.

Our current plan is to have the year 6 cohort starting back mornings only from Monday 8th June. For all other year groups that are not returning to school (i.e. years 3, 4 and 5) home learning support will continue.

Here are some of the measures which we will be putting in place for year 6 children returning to school:

- Children will be split into 11 defined groups of no more than 9 children
- Classrooms will be re-organised so that children have as much space around them as possible.
- Children will not mix with other groups during the school day. This will ensure that we keep the risk of any cross contamination between groups of children and staff to a minimum.
- The same adults will always work with each group of children
- School will be open for year 6 children Monday to Friday between 8.45am and 12.20pm. The afternoons will be used for teachers to plan the home learning packs for the other year groups, to continue to make fortnightly calls to the children and for the thorough cleaning of the school.
- There will be staggered drop off and pick up times.
- Regular handwashing will be implemented.
- Where possible, cleaning of the school site and of resources will take place throughout the day.
- Handling and sharing of communal resources will be kept to a minimum

Please also note:

- We will continue to open every week day as usual for vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers.
- All plans are subject to review and change.

Year 6 Parents only

In order to finalise our re-opening plans, we need to know how many children in year 6 will be returning to school. Therefore, if you have children in year 6, please complete this very short survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y6return> by Friday 29th May to indicate your decision. Thank you.

Half Term Activities

Haringey has compiled a list of activities that are available during the half term break.

https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/may_half_term_2020_online_activities.pdf

Finally, thank you to those of you that have been able to share some of the things that your children have been doing with us by emailing us or through our Instagram page.

Thank you for your continued support. I will continue to update you about any plans and changes.

I wish you all a pleasant bank holiday weekend.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher