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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you are keeping well and finding the return to some degree of normality welcome, although these are still worrying times and the future direction of the pandemic depends on the whole country adopting a sensible approach to the easing of restrictions.

As you will know, we have been adhering closely to the DfE's guidance to schools throughout, which has limited our capacity to open up as fully as we would have liked (due to staffing constraints under the current 'bubble' size guidance). However, with the guidance having changed for September, we expect to be fully open to all year groups, but with some logistical changes needed that we will inform you of once finalised (principally relating to drop-off/pick-up times for different year groups, which will need to be staggered to some degree). We will, of course, need to take stock of the attainment and wellbeing of the children on their return, many of whom will not have been in school since the end of March. Staff have accessed training in mental health and support during the partial closure, and we will respond to the children's needs as they present themselves in September – some may need extensive support, others may just wish to get back to a normal routine. We will strive to meet all of their needs.

In the unwelcome event of any further lockdowns, local or otherwise, we are currently extending our remote learning capacity, with Google Classroom being implemented at present via a DfE grant, and a new, more interactive school website going online over the summer break. Subject to staffing capacity (dependent on the levels of key worker care needed), these tools should enable us to further enhance our evolving home schooling offer if it is needed again.

And so to the classes and teachers for next year (which you have, of course, already sneaked a peek at further down the letter!). There will no class remixing this year – this may happen again in some future year, but not without considerable notice. Mrs Devlin, Mrs Osholaja, Mrs Ward and, later in the autumn term, Mrs Pelham, will all be returning from maternity leave, and we therefore bid farewell to the staff who have taken the classes in their absence, Mrs Catt (Reception Oak), Miss Dixon (Y1 Beech) and Miss Mallon (Y1 Maple), and thank them all for their contribution to the school.

Mrs Williams, who has been covering Mrs Osholaja's maternity leave, will however be staying on with us in Year 3, and we will also be joined by an excellent newly qualified teacher in our Year 5 Larch class, Mr Bell. There remain two part-time maternity cover posts in Key Stage 1 to be filled – we will inform the relevant classes of the recruitment outcomes next week.

Other changes relate to the need for increased management time for senior leaders, as the school finally reaches two-form entry in all year groups (except Nursery). Mrs Kirkness, our SENCo, will be able to devote her time fully to that role, no longer having a class responsibility, and our deputy head Mrs Nicholson is reducing her time in class to three days.



Current class	Class 2020-21	Teacher/s (days in brackets)
Y5 Rowan	Y6 Alder	Mr Cunnington
Y5 Larch	Y6 Sycamore	Miss Avery
Y4 Hawthorn	Y5 Rowan	Miss Carpenter
Y4 Lime	Y5 Larch	Mr Bell
Y3 Birch	Y4 Lime	Mrs Nicholson (3) / Mrs Osholaja (2)
Y3 Hazel	Y4 Hawthorn	Miss Bunning
Y2 Cedar	Y3 Birch	Mrs Williams
Y2 Elm	Y3 Hazel	Mrs Caldecott (3) / Mr R Jones (2)
Y1 Maple	Y2 Cedar	Mrs Crompton
Y1 Beech	Y2 Elm	Miss Bate (3) / TBC (2)
YR Oak	Y1 Maple	Mrs Ward (4) / Mrs Osholaja (1)
YR Willow	Y1 Beech	Mrs Wilson (1) / TBC (4 – autumn term)
YN Seedlings/ New starters	YR Oak	Mrs Devlin (3) / Mrs Wilson (2)
	YR Willow	Miss Hooks
New starters	YN Seedlings	Mrs Roberts / Mrs Inchley

The teachers are currently making welcome videos for their new pupils for upload to our class *Youtube* channels – links to these messages will be distributed next week.

The end of the summer term is next Thursday for those year groups in school (Friday for key worker pupils), but we fully appreciate that for many of the children, the 'end of term' will seem a redundant idea at the moment. We all crave for a return to more normal times, and after the staff have had time to recharge their batteries (after months without a break), we will come back in September ready to tackle whatever challenges the autumn term may bring.

In the meantime, do take the time to nominate your child to their current class teacher if you feel they have gone above and beyond during these past months – you might feel that in simply coping in such extraordinary times, they have done more than enough to warrant such recognition.

Kind regards



Mr Rose
Headteacher