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Dear Parents and Carers

Well, as I write this we come to the end of the first week back of wider reopening! Where have those 5 school days gone to? I can remember very clearly the hours of reading, organising and meticulous planning and this continues to feature highly on my daily 'To do' schedule! However, was it really 5 days ago we had a bubble machine to welcome the children back? Was it 5 days ago they each followed a bubble to go and find their own school bubble? And today, some groups have ended the week with a bubble party!

From a school point of view, we feel that the setting up of small group bubbles has been a success. The systems, routines and operations we have in place seem to be working well and verbal feedback has been positive. We will be sending an evaluation out to everyone next week to capture views on the wider reopening of school, as we want to capture the view of all stakeholders.

The children who have returned to school, came in quite quiet and anxious on Monday morning, but there were also moments of excitement. However, as the first day and then following four days passed, we have seen the children show such maturity and wonderful positive attitudes to school. They are showing such respect for the systems and routines that have been established. The children are superstars, in trying to maintain a social distance from peers and whilst we do maintain this as much as possible, it is difficult all the time. We are constantly refining systems and establishing games etc. to make both class time and outside time, as fun and engaging as possible.

We have seen: smiling faces, playing, happiness, excitement to be with friends and lots of fun.





We are welcoming a few more children back on Monday 8th June into our Reception, Year One or Year Six bubbles. Please remember if you would like your child to join a bubble to call the school by each Friday. Part of our risk assessment is that we only add new entrants to bubbles on a Monday, this ensures we have time to set up and establish workstations, etc... appropriately.

Days to wear PE kit – all day – have been established this week. Please wear your PE kit to school for the day on the following days:

- Bubble Ra and Rb – Friday
- Bubble 1a and 1b – Wednesday
- Bubble Kwa and KWb – Tuesday
- Bubble 6a and 6b - Thursday

Home school learning is still taking place and is expected if your child is not at school and in any year group. Teachers are working extremely hard to maintain this as well as in school learning. We are so grateful to them for the wonderful opportunities they are giving the children. Equally we must thank you for your efforts and hard work in engaging with your child to complete home learning, as well as making the most of this time as family and taking your child's education seriously.

Please remember we are here to help you. If at any time you would like to talk to a member of staff, please call the office or email the admin address and we will get back to you. No question or query is too silly or trivial, please do ask.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend... for myself and the staff we are hoping to have a little relaxation time this weekend with family, so hopefully it is a dry one! Take care – stay safe.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Day - Headteacher

