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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well and managing in these challenging and changing times.

Some staff news – **Mrs Iqbal** will be leaving us at the end of next week. Mrs Iqbal has been at the school since 2014 and many of you will know how much she has contributed to the education and well being of your children. Thank you Mrs Iqbal for everything you have done for Oldbury Park and we wish you well.

Miss Jones is returning from Maternity Leave at the same time and we welcome her back into the school community. We look forward to her return as she takes over responsibility from Mrs Iqbal for Maple Class.

Phased Return to School for Years Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

As you know, we have been busy making plans and putting things in place in order to keep your children and the staff safe as we hope to begin to return to school. Thank you for your patience in waiting to hear from us again.

This letter mostly concerns children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, vulnerable children and children of Key Workers. I am afraid we are unable at this stage to say when it might be possible to welcome the other children back to school.

I mentioned in my last letter that the RSA Trust Board would be meeting on Wednesday 20th May. They are supportive of our plans, but have decided not to have the children in before **Wednesday 3rd June**, and then for it to be a phased process. Together with the Trust, we continue to monitor the scientific evidence and the government's guidelines which are changing frequently. We have carried out a thorough risk assessment of the premises, making the spaces safe for the children, accommodating the social distancing, and checking that the medical requirements are secured.

Thank you for your responses regarding your children returning to school. However, we have not heard from all of you yet. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6, please let us know asap if you intend him or her to return. Please email office@oldburypark.worcs.sch.uk by the end of Tuesday 26th and clarify with a Yes or No with the name of your child and the class he or she is in. This is having a major impact on our planning. Thank you for your support with this.

So at the present time, we expect the children in Reception to start on Wednesday 3rd June, the Year 1 children on Monday 8th June, and Year 6 children to begin on Wednesday 10th June, with details in the table below. Children will be in groups of 10 with an adult and this bubble will remain the same each day. Unfortunately the children will not be allowed to mix with other children from outside their bubble. Starting and ending times of the day are staggered for the different year groups, to make sure there are not so many of you around at drop off and pick up times each day. Until further notice, these year groups will not be coming into school on Fridays.

During half term, the school is not open until Friday 29th May for vulnerable children and children of Key Workers. They can then be in school every day after this as normal.

After such a long break from school (considerably longer than the summer holidays) the return to the classroom will be a significant step for each child. We shall approach this gradually and with care. The children will begin with a two-hour morning session on the first day. The staff will use that afternoon to evaluate how the session has gone. They will consider the safety of the children and the adults, how the physical areas are set out and the effectiveness of the learning. Adjustments will be made to the provision on a daily basis until the best solution is found.

We plan for children, particularly the younger ones, to have access to a range of toys each week. On the Friday of each week, these will all be cleaned and made ready to swap with another set of toys starting on the following Monday. The same will happen with science equipment, etc, for the older children.

Week beginning : Monday 1 st June 2020			
	Reception	Year 1	Year 6
Wednesday	10am – 12 noon	-	-
Thursday	9.15am – 2.45pm	-	-
Friday	Key Workers' children.in as normal School closed to other children to allow for deep cleaning and planning for the week ahead.		
Week beginning : Monday 8 th June 2020			
	Reception	Year 1	Year 6
Monday	9.15am – 2.45pm	10am – 12 noon	-
Tuesday	9.15am – 2.45pm	9am – 3pm	-
Wednesday	9.15am – 2.45pm	9am – 3pm	10am – 12 noon
Thursday	9.15am – 2.45pm	9am – 3pm	8.45am – 3.15pm
Friday	Key Workers' children.in as normal School closed to other children to allow for deep cleaning and planning for the week ahead.		
Week beginning : Monday 15 th June 2020			
	Reception	Year 1	Year 6
Monday	9.15am – 2.45pm	9am – 3pm	8.45am – 3.15pm
Tuesday	9.15am – 2.45pm	9am – 3pm	8.45am – 3.15pm
Wednesday	9.15am – 2.45pm	9am – 3pm	8.45am – 3.15pm
Thursday	9.15am – 2.45pm	9am – 3pm	8.45am – 3.15pm
Friday	Key Workers' children.in as normal School closed to other children to allow for deep cleaning and planning for the week ahead.		

We shall continue to prepare the home learning sheets for those of you with your children at home. Sadly, as I'm sure you will have assumed, there will be no end-of-year celebrations or productions, outings, or sport's events. These are difficult and sad times indeed. Details about the process of dropping your children off and picking them up, school lunches, bringing things into school, uniform, etc, will be sent to individual year groups prior to returning to school. Please note, if the government changes its position or the guidelines, all of the above is subject to change.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you wish to discuss this further.
With very best wishes and many thanks

Sarah Boyce