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Schools Reopening

Dear Parent / Carer

As you may have seen, the government has announced that their ambition for all primary aged children to return to school has been put on hold as it is not practical or feasible. Instead, individual schools have been given flexibility as to whether or not to admit more children. We think this is a sensible approach as all schools are operating under different circumstances.

Based on this, these are our next steps:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will continue their daily provision. The intention is to keep the provision we have in place currently until the end of the summer term. This includes the new start times.

As the government's position has now been clarified, we are now in a position to offer parents the second (and final chance) to send their child back to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We have capacity in all our current bubbles to extend pupil numbers. The date of any additional returners will be Monday 22nd June. If you would like your child to return on this date, please email homelearning@larchwood.essex.sch.uk before 12:00pm on Friday 12th June. All parents wanting their child to return will have a place guaranteed.

Additionally, as the government has given schools certain flexibilities, we are potentially going to ask Year 5 to also re-join on Monday 29th June. This is dependent on a number of things, one being the number of children requiring this provision. If you would like your Year 5 child to return to school, please email homelearning@larchwood.essex.sch.uk by 12:00pm on Friday 12th June. If this provision goes ahead, and this is not guaranteed yet, a second chance to join will not be offered. These bubbles will not be added to.

Children attending our Key Worker provision will continue in the same manner, this has not changed (apart from the start times). However, all bubbles are now full, so if you have not accessed this provision before, and now need to, you will be added to a waiting list. Thank you for your understanding regarding this.

It is with a heavy heart that I can now confirm that Year 2, 3 and 4 will not be returning to school this academic year. If I had a magic wand and could make this happen I would but the reality is, I just can't.

We will still continue to support home learning (and our families) in the same way we have done throughout this period. Academically, this includes (but not exclusive to) White Rose Maths and the writing challenges but, as you know, our support is more far reaching than this. It includes phone calls, newsletters, emails, text messages, updates via Twitter but also a bespoke service where you can contact your child's class teacher via our 'home learning' email address and get a response within 24 hours. All of this will still be in place until the end of the summer term.

Lastly, can I thank you for your continued support, it really is appreciated.

Mr R Duff
Headteacher

