



### Headteacher Update 17.06.20

Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to send a brief update to you all today. Over the past weeks, we have been communicating with you about your wishes regarding a possible extension to schooling. Also, we have worked hard to put in place an environment in school which follows government guidelines around social distancing and the importance of minimising contacts between 'bubbles of children and staff'. You all know our school well and so you can understand how difficult this is, given our classrooms are so small.

Then, we sent out a letter which outlined our criteria for any return to school and carried out a prioritisation exercise. We have six bubbles which are building up slowly over the next few weeks.

Now, we are contacting all parents again to update you further. We have a very small amount of spare capacity for any child whose parents would like them to have some in-school provision. Sadly, government guidance around social distancing means our remaining capacity is very limited, but if you are interested please will you contact school. Your name will then be put on our waiting list and when a vacancy arises, we will contact you.

Can I also remind you that Travel Assist require at least **5 working days** to set up transport. Also, they have made clear to us that the transport adheres to the 2m social distancing guidance. This greatly reduces their capacity to carry pupils. Naturally, this might have an impact as to when and if transport can be provided. Therefore, please let me know if you are able to transport your child into school. I understand that a fuel allowance for such journeys could be paid during the COVID19 crisis period. This would not affect decisions regarding transport next term.

Can I also reiterate that our remote support will continue throughout this period and so teachers will continue to support those children remaining at home.

Please continue to take care and stay safe during this difficult time.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Alison Carter

Headteacher