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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, we are still waiting for clear guidance from the Department for Education regarding our next steps, and what September will look like for schools. As Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne said in his letter dated 26th June, all indicators are pointing to the lifting of the 15 per class rule and any requirement for pupils to socially distance in school, and it is the expectation we will be operating as 'normal' classes, although this is yet to be confirmed. We are working in good faith and plans may need to change once we have further guidance from the Government.

Autumn term

Based on the assumption that we are operating as 'normal' the classes for September will be:

Pluto and Comets – Nursery and Reception with Mrs Eaton and Mrs Goddard Mercury – Years 1 and 2 with Ms Cashell and Mrs Goddard Jupiter – Year 3 and 4 with Mrs Taylor and Mrs Goddard Mars Class – Year 5 and 6 with Mrs Last

Face-to-face days 20th- 22nd July

In light of this, when we are organising our face-to-face days on 20th-22nd July, the children will be in their new classes. If your child has not been in school since we re-opened then we would warmly welcome them back on those days. We will be calling all the relevant children over the next few days to see if they will be joining us and to identify any additional support that you feel they might need to enable them to have a smooth return to school.

Well-being Survey

We will no longer be posting the well-being surveys on Google Classroom as the number of pupils responding to them has fallen significantly since schools have re-opened. We will still be monitoring the wellbeing of our pupils through their engagement on Google Classroom, through the Google Meets with each class, and also through our calls to families. If you particularly want a call from the class teacher because your child is having a difficult time or feeling a bit 'lost' please just let us know as we can arrange a time for that.

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Leaver's Assembly

We will be having our virtual leaver's assembly for our friends in Year 6 on Friday 17th July at 9.30am. Nearer the time, we will send a link to parents of pupils in Year 6 to join our virtual assembly.

End of Year Reports

We will be issuing the end of year reports by July 10^{th.} These reports will be in a different format to our usual ones, and will be based on the attainment and progress up until the end of Spring term (pre-lockdown). If you would like an opportunity to discuss the report with the class teacher, this can be done by telephone the week beginning July 13th.

Best wishes

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