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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and all your family and friends are keeping well. All the staff at school are keeping well.

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we will have new packs to give out. As parents and carers are no longer able to enter the school grounds we will put these packs out on tables at the top of the driveway. If it is raining we will need to change the day. Please observe social distancing at all times. The packs will be available from 9.30-10.00 for R, 1 and 2. 11-12.00 for 3 and 4 and 1-2 for 5 and 6. Please can I also ask that you do not stay to chat on the driveway. As staff are teaching and I am overseeing the school it may be a few days before we can drop a pack to you if you cannot pick one up. As I said previously as teachers are teaching we may not be able to supply as much work as before and so we ask that you look at our website for links to online learning, notably Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize. I will try and call all parents to check in with you but please do give me a call if you have any questions.

As you may be aware the Government have asked if schools can take extra year groups in to do so. The children still have to be in bubbles of less than 15 and observing social distancing, with allocated staff. As you will know all our classrooms are now being used and all our staff are assigned to their bubbles. Therefore, unfortunately we cannot take children in from other year groups unless parents are Key workers and we have a space or following a conversation with Mrs Wrixon it is agreed your child would benefit from joining the Key worker group. As we have closed the Year 1 bubble we have a new Key Worker group but there are limited spaces in this bubble already.

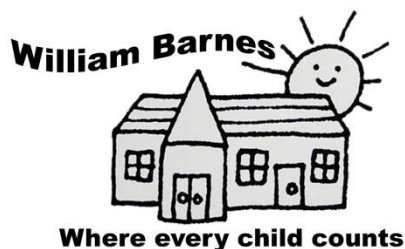
The Government have said that if it is at all possible to have some face-to-face time with those not in school before the end of term following social distancing guidelines then we can organise this. It would not be possible to have children physically in under the guidelines and so we are hoping to hold virtual class meetings. When we have updated our Teams technology we will let you know times when we can hold these meetings.

We would love to do some form of a leaver's ceremony for our Year 6s but as the Government say adults cannot meet in groups of more than 6 and adults would need to be on site we are not sure how to arrange this yet. As guidance changes we will keep you updated. We will plan to video the ceremony so that all parents can see it.



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It is very unlikely that parents and carers of new children to Reception in September 2020 will be able to come in for a meeting with myself. At present I am planning to put the transition packs out on the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> July on tables in the driveway and be available for socially distanced one to one chats. If this changes I will let you know.

Thank you for all your kind comments about the work and support we have provided; they are much appreciated. We will be sending out a questionnaire to parents so that we can learn from this unprecedented time, which we hope will not be repeated!

We still do not know what will be happening in September, we obviously hope life will return to normal but will update you when we have any further information.

Stay safe and well, your safety and wellbeing are of paramount importance to us. Please say hello to your children from us and say that we are thinking of them all. You remain always in our hearts and we will look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best wishes  
Karen Wrixon



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