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'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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Dear Parents and Carers of Pupils in Years 2 - 5

I hope you have received the letter from Mr Bowditch, CEO of the Multi Academy Trust. As you know, schools may soon be offering places for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 (as always we have to wait for government guidance in this). For some of you it may be welcome news that you don't have to make a decision about this and for others it may be a frustration as you want your child to go back to school as usual. Sadly, school when we do return at this stage (and possibly for a while yet) will be far from 'usual' or 'normal'. Pupils will be in groups of no more than 15, possibly not with their own teacher or teaching assistant, and possibly not in their own classroom. These 'bubbles' as they are known are not allowed to mix, so playtimes, lunch times and start and end times will be staggered. We will have to ensure social distancing rules and maintain very high hygiene standards continually throughout the day. This will be challenging for us as I'm sure you can appreciate.

I am just contacting you to reassure you that, although all the teachers who are able to return will now be back in school teaching full time, we will be continuing with home learning next term as we have been doing since the school closed for all pupils except children of Key Workers and those classified by the government as vulnerable.

Thank you for all the positive comments we have had from you and the lovely photo examples of home learning that you have sent us each week.

As I have said before, as parents, you need to do what is right for your child in terms of home learning. Some children may find it hard to do 'school work' at home and some may love it. I fully appreciate this. We have endeavoured to provide a balanced amount of 'work' for them, but we obviously cannot tailor it to individual needs or preferences from a distance or provide specific feedback for individual pieces of work.

I know parents may be anxious that children may be 'falling behind' but I really want to reassure you that all children across the country had their education 'frozen' back in March and school leaders across the country are confident that when we do return to a 'normal' system, whenever that is, changes will be made and measures put in place to work towards addressing this issue.

I can fully understand that this may be a very frustrating time for you. It is for us too! We want our school back to normal for all pupils and staff as soon as we possibly can.

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. The newsletter will continue as now, so keep sending in photos of home learning and other activities that the children are enjoying.

My kindest regards

Mrs Thomson
Headteacher

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