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Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope that you enjoyed the weekend despite the lack of sunshine. I wanted to update you on a few things before the end of term.



Firstly, I want to thank all parents who decided to send their children back to school over the past few weeks. I know that speaking to many of you both on the phone or by dojo, you have welcomed the opportunity for them to return and that your children have been happy and benefited from attending even though it may have been on reduced hours. Teachers have certainly enjoyed seeing your children and having a bit of normality. During the week, we are having contact with just over 160 children which is about a third of the children on roll.



The last few weeks, we have been very busy in school as we had lots of Key Worker children, Reception, Year 1 children, and Y6 pupils back for some transition work before they move on to secondary school in September. It has been lovely to see so many of them back and we have enjoyed hearing their stories of lockdown! They have done lots of work this week about how they are feeling about the lockdown, not coming to school, and of course their worries about moving on to a new secondary school.



I would like to give a special mention to all the children in our Key Worker groups, some of whom have been in school every day since the school closed! They have all been brilliant -they have enjoyed lots of learning, socialising and playing with lots of different children who they might not usually be with. New friendships have been formed and they are certainly showing that they are resilient, confident, flexible and adaptable -all great qualities. Well done all of you!



I also want to thank all of you parents who have done an absolutely fantastic job teaching your children from home during the past few months, especially those of you who were not able to send your children back to school due to the restrictions that COVID 19 brought to us. I really appreciate that even though my staff have done an absolutely amazing job providing you all with a brilliant array of home/school learning, it is not the same as the children learning in school with their peers or with the direct interaction of a skilled teacher. In the absence of that, you should all be very proud of what we have achieved together. I hope we never have to go through this again!!



Teachers have been busy writing school reports for the one and a half terms the children have been in school. You will receive your child's school report at some point this week. If one of your children are attending school, all your children's reports will come home with them.



If your child is not in school, then please attend at the following times to collect your child's report and also bring any of your child's reading/library books back to school. For those of you with children in school could you also return any reading/library books that you still have at home. Please could books be returned in a bag where possible so that we can place them into a box for 72 hours before we open them, to ensure no spread of infection.



- Year N and R Tuesday 7th July from Main Reception area between 10am and 12:00pm
- Year 1 and 2 Tuesday 7th July from Main Reception 1pm and 3pm
- Year 3 and 4 Wednesday 8th July from Main Reception between 10am and 12:00pm
- Year 5 and 6 Wednesday 8th July from Main Reception between 1pm and 3:00pm



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Your child's report will only be available between these times and we will be unable to give these items to other children's parents due to the report being confidential. Should you not be able to attend between these times, then please do not worry we will keep everything for September.

School will be closed for the school holidays on 17th July at lunchtime. Please could you pick up promptly and leave straight away maintaining social distancing as far as possible.

Please collect at the following times:

Bubble	Collection From	Time
Nursery	Nursery	12.15pm
Year R Group 1	Reception Slope	11.45am
Year R Group 2	Year 1 Backdoor	11.50am
Year R Group 3	Year 1 Backdoor	11.45am
Year 1 Group 1	Far Stairs Door	12noon
Year 1 Group 2	Far Stairs Door	12.10pm
Year 1 Group 3	Double Doors	12noon
Year 6 Group 1	Year 6 Backdoor	11.55am
Year 6 Group 2	Year 5 Backdoor	12noon
Year 6 Group 3	Year 6 Backdoor	12.05pm
EP Group 1	Care Club	11.45am
EP Group 2	Double Doors	11.45am
EP Group 3	Year 5 Backdoor	11.45am

School will re-open on Monday September 7th 2020 for pupils in Yr1-Yr6. (Reception pupils have already been given additional information on their start dates).

I know you will have heard in the news that schools will be reopening for all children in September. I really hope so and am looking forward to seeing you all and getting back to some kind of routine and normality!

As you can imagine, we are now trawling through the detail, each school will be doing their own risk assessments and organisation in preparation for this and school life certainly won't be what we are used to, but we will be preparing to make sure that the return is as smooth as possible. We already know that returning for all children will be compulsory with class sizes of 30. Children are to remain in their class bubbles and there are to be staggered start and end times, staggered break and lunch times and there are to be no whole school events or assemblies in school.

There will be more information about the arrangements for start dates, drop off and pick up times, as well as some curriculum information before the start in September -keep checking those dojos!

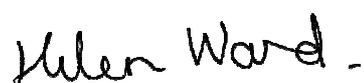
Some of you will have concerns about the before and after school club, We are currently looking to see if we can offer some kind of service from September, probably with reduced hours and numbers of children, but risk assessments need to be completed and guidance needs to be scrutinised with staff to ensure that we can meet requirements in order to keep your children safe. This will initially only be open to children who are currently registered, were using care club before lockdown and for our new Reception Children. More information will follow in the next couple of weeks.

New guidance has come out regarding uniform for September. The Government has now advised that from September, clothing does not need to be washed more often. However as per my dojo message last week, children do not need to return in uniform. They can wear sensible clothing and PE clothing on PE days with sensible shoes or black and white trainers. **ALL** children to return to school in winter uniform following October half term.

It has been a very strange and challenging time for all of us these past few months and I do hope for all of our sakes that things are starting to settle. I will write to you all again should any details change from what is in this letter.

Thank you all for your lovely messages of support over past few months. It's been lovely to see how our Hazeldene family continues to pull together through these uncertain and unprecedented times.

Keep safe

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Ward" followed by a short horizontal line.

Helen Ward
Headteacher