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Dear parents and carers,

Before we break for the weekend, here is some important information regarding school.

Next year classes

Firstly, I would like to apologise for any confusion my previous letter caused with regards to the explanation of classes next year. I will try again and let's hope I make more sense this time!

If your child is in Reception or KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5) then we will not be mixing the classes as they go up into next year. They will be in a new year group but not in a new class group. So, if your child is currently in Year 3, they will join Year 4 next year but they will be sat with the same children who are in their current class.

If your child is in Year 1 or Year 2 then we will be mixing the classes as they move up into the next year. So, if your child is in Year 2, when they return to school they will be in Year 3. They will also be sat with some different children than those in their current class. The teachers and senior leaders will be responsible for creating these new classes using their knowledge of the children and their needs.

No child will be repeating a year. Most children will have a new teacher as they move up into their new year group. I will share the staffing structure for next year a little later on in the term.

I hope that has cleared things up.

What still isn't clear though, for anyone, is what September will look like for all schools. I fear that we may not know exactly what to expect, with regards to the safe return of all children to school, until later on this term. I will, of course, keep you updated on our plans as soon as they are ready to share.

End of year reports

All teachers will be writing an end of year report that will be sent out in the last week of term. These reports will be different to previous year's due to the fact that so many children have been unable to attend school since the end of March. The report will contain some mid-year attendance and attainment information as well as a personal comment from the class teacher.

Summer holidays

You may have heard in the news the government's headline about summer schools. Sadly, I can only confirm that the headline is about as much as I know too. I can say that I do not expect term time staff to be working over their summer holiday. We are intending to provide some form of holiday child-care through our space cadets provision and I will be writing to parents, particularly those who are key workers, about this sometime next week.

Returning to school

We are welcoming back some of our Year 6 children next week. If you are in Year 6 and you are returning to school next week, make sure you only attend on the days that we have allocated and that you have read all the guidance and information that we have provided. We are all really looking forward to seeing you again.

Hopefully, we will be welcoming back some of our Year 1 children later on in the term and some Reception children a little later on. Again, I will be writing to parents and carers with more specific information about this later on next week.

Everyone can achieve.

Everyone can learn.

Everyone belongs.

I would also like to say that, if you have decided not to return your child to school, then we do completely understand. This is a really odd, and scary, time for everyone. I completely respect all parents' decisions in this matter. I fully understand that, for some of families, the risk of returning to school is higher especially our families from BAME backgrounds or those who are shielding. I hope all families know that we support you and the decisions you have made with regards to your family's safety.

Home learning

We are continuing to support all children who are not attending school through our home learning offer. Due to the increased number of staff in school, it may be that your child's class teacher is not the person setting the work directly, nor may they be able to contact you as regularly as before. I can assure you though that our teaching staff are working together to ensure that high quality home learning resources are available for everyone.

We do also appreciate that home learning can be difficult to facilitate at home. I know that some parents are worried that they are not delivering it as well as their teachers would be able to in school. Again, I would say to any parent feeling this, we understand. Home learning is not the same as being at school and no parent should feel bad for not being able to replicate a school experience at home. We are all doing our best and that goes for parents and carers too.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I hope that you all enjoy your weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Browse". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'B'.

Tim Browse