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Dear Parents/Carer of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

I am writing to thank the many parents who have contacted their schools to thank them for the return to school we have been able to offer to their children. It has been wonderful to see so many come to school, happy to be back learning with their or other teachers in the school. I am sure you will agree this has been a fantastic team effort.

As we move through to the next phase of our response we now need to be firm on the numbers that are attending. It is imperative that schools know the exact numbers of children that will be attending. Due to this I am asking parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 if they plan for their child to return to school before the end of the summer to let their school offices know. **Schools must be informed no later than Tuesday 16th June**, where you will be asked to state what date your child will be returning. This is of course your choice as a parent however, I have full faith in the systems that we have in place. All schools in the collegiate are following the guidance given by Government and so would encourage you to take up the offer if you have not yet done so.

After June 16th we will not be able to offer any other places in school to children in these year groups and your children will become part of the induction process that we are developing for September. Please rest assured we will do all we can to ensure that this process is as smooth as possible. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide home learning for children in these classes and would encourage you to follow the guidance below if you choose not to send your child to school.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Once again, I fully appreciate the complex circumstances that you are in and would like to pay tribute to your efforts. This is the most difficult situation for us as a collegiate to manage and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Beardmore
Senior Executive Leader
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