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Dear Parents,

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE 15

Questionnaire Results and Next Steps

Thank you for your prompt response in relation to the questionnaire issued last Friday. We can confirm that we have had 111 requests for school places and our class capacities will be independently assessed by an external health and safety consultancy this Friday.

Next week, with the result of the survey, we will confirm whether we can accommodate your child. For your information, prioritisation will be children of key workers and vulnerable children, Nursery Reception Year 1 and Year 6.

As you may recall Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be subdivided into three distinct small classes with some children not retaining their teacher. Nursery will transform into morning and afternoon sessions only with two distinct groups. Key worker children of Years 2345 will be taught in a separate class.

With increased classes for limited year groups, this means that **all** the teaching staff will be redeployed from day one.

As you will appreciate, a whole school reorganisation in a matter of weeks in such an uncertain climate, has been a significant task and therefore issues of health and safety will be of paramount importance. We have no facility to negotiate class group composition or the organisation of personnel with parents in these exceptional circumstances.

We will be contacting parents with an offer of a place next week in accordance with our class capacity. You will also receive a copy of a School Reopening Handbook if your child has gained a place so that you will be clear of the school's new expectations.

I hope you and your family continue to stay well and we will be in contact again next week.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran A Loftus Headteacher

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