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Dear Parent/Carers,

Since March, when school and nursery closed for most children, we have really missed seeing everyone. We have continued to run school and nursery for keyworker and vulnerable children during term time and the holidays.

We have worked hard to read and implement a number of different Government guidance documents around the wider opening of schools. This has meant putting many things in place to ensure children and staff are as safe as possible. Since 8th June we have welcomed back more children in nursery and Reception. The children who have returned have adapted brilliantly to the new routines and ways of working. We have done everything we can to make sure school and nursery still feel welcoming and enjoyable.

Although all staff are working, the current Government guidance restricts the size of groups to 15 children. Many of the children we have in each day are very young and need constant adult support, particularly to follow the hygiene routines.

Recently the Government told schools that, if we have capacity, we can welcome children from other year groups, in group sizes of no more than 15. As a result, we contacted all Year 1 parents to ask if they wanted to send their children back to school. The outcome was overwhelmingly positive (which was brilliant), but this has left us with a problem. In order to maintain the rigorous hygiene and safety measures we have in place, we do not have enough staff to welcome back everyone in Year 1 who wants to return. It is very difficult having to tell families who want children to return to school that we are not able to do this right now. We would love to have you all back but we cannot go over the 15 children per group maximum, unless there is a change in the policy from Government. If the maximum group size policy changes we will notify you with more details.

In the meantime we will continue to update the 'Home learning' page on our website. Activities on the bingo boards follow those happening in school and nursery. If you have any problems with accessing home learning please get in touch by email (donnwood.infants@taw.org.uk) or phone (386640). You can also email us to share learning and activities from home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs C Boddy
Head Teacher