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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Update on the wider reopening of school

I am writing to give you an update regarding the recent wider reopening of school to pupils at Egginton.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

We have welcomed back a significant proportion of pupils from the eligible year groups of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. The pupils have all adapted to the new routines very well and appear to be enjoying their return to school. Thank you to all the parents and carers for helping to prepare your child/ children with the transition back to school.

If you have a child that is in a year group that is eligible to return but has not yet done so, please can you contact school by phone or email if you have decided on a date for them to return between now and the end of term. Please can you give as much notice as possible to help us to plan in advance for additional pupils attending.

Pupils with Parents or Carers that are critical workers

We have also welcomed back more children to school since 1st June who have parents or carers that are critical workers. If you are a critical worker and would like your child to attend school between now and the end of term, please can you contact the school office with a planned date of return.

Pupils that are not eligible to return to school at the moment

The government have now stated that they are not expecting schools to open to pupils from additional year groups (Year 2, 3, 4 and 5) for the remainder of the summer term unless they have the capacity to do so.

Sadly, despite much consideration on the possibility of inviting further year groups back to attend, this is not something we will be able to do this term. This is because our risk assessment is based on the maximum number of pupils in the current eligible year groups as well as the pupils that have parents or carers that are critical workers and we are already at capacity in order to meet this. We simply do not have the space, staff, facilities and resources to invite further year groups back whilst also safely adhering to the strict government and Derbyshire County Council guidance that remains in place at this time. We will continue to support the pupils that are not in school as best we can with home learning tasks.

September 2020 Return for all pupils

The government has now stated that it is planning for children from all year groups to return to school in September 2020. At the time of writing, we are still awaiting guidance from the Department for Education and Derbyshire County Council to enable us to plan and prepare for the return of pupils from all year groups. Once we receive further details we will inform parents and carers accordingly.

New Reception pupils due to start in September 2020

Due to Covid-19, we have not been able to go ahead with our usual transition sessions for new Reception starters in September 2020. In place of this, Miss Funnell will be setting up a Class Dojo page exclusively for the new Reception pupils to help them and their families prepare for the start of school. Further details regarding transition will follow.

End of Year Reports for the 2019/20

In line with statutory guidance recently issued by the government, parents and carers will be receiving a brief end of academic year report for their child or children.

In essence this will be very similar to the report sent out to parents and carers at the end of the Spring term in place of the cancelled parents evening due to the school closure. However, where possible, the teachers will provide additional information about your child. There will be no reporting of end of year attendance in this report as stipulated by the Department for Education.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Richard Kitching
Headteacher

