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Dear Parent/Carer,

We opened the school to our year 6 pupils on Monday. We have had about 26 children attend. It has been a real delight for the staff to have more children in the school, as the corridors, classrooms and playgrounds feel really empty and lonely without children.

Although the school is far from 'normal,' it does feel like we have taken a significant step in the right direction. Some of our year 1 children are joining us next week, followed by reception children the following week.

I will continue with some of the Frequently Asked Questions we have been receiving recently:

Will you be opening to years 2, 3, 4 and 5 before the summer holiday?

This week, the government has acknowledged that plans for other year groups to come back to school, before the summer break, are not workable due to the current restrictions and guidelines we are obliged to follow.

We will continue with 'Google Classroom' to support children in these year groups (as well as R, I and 6). We are mindful of the increased workload parents and carers will be under over the coming weeks. With this in mind we will endeavour to ensure that Goggle Classroom is manageable for our children and parents.

We will also look at ways in which we might be able to mark the end of the school year for these year groups. We will, of course, make sure you have all of the information you need for child's transition into their next year group.

What are you doing for SEND children?

The challenges of online learning have been particularly difficult for some of our SEND Children and their families. We have been innovating our practice, as much as we are able, in response to individual needs, over the last couple of months. For some children this has meant sending home packs of work and resources to support learning. Online learning through Google Classroom is also being tailored to meet the specific needs of these pupils.

Rosie, our SENCO has been meeting with all class teachers this past week to review our online SEND provision further. She will also be arranging meetings with all parents of children on the SEND register before the end of term.

Will I get an annual report for my child?

Teachers are currently working on their reports to parents. Due to the school closure since March, the reports will be shorter than usual and will not include data such as attendance and punctuality.

I hope these answers have assisted some of you. Please feel free to send in further questions, however we will not be committing to answering all of them. Instead, we will produce a similar letter of FAQs at regular intervals over the coming weeks, if there is need.

Yours sincerely,

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