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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have started this week with a few new children joining our cocoons in Reception and year 1. It has been a joy for us to see each new child returning to school. If you are now interested in your child joining a Reception, year 1 or year 6 cocoon, please email the office (admin@shsharingey.co.uk). The school needs to prepare for a child to join us, so you may have to wait a few days.

For parents of children in year R – 5, you will be receiving a letter, by the end of this week, inviting your child in for a 2-hour session in the final week. We are hoping that every child comes in for these sessions. Please contact us if you have any questions after reading the letter.

I will continue to answer some of the frequently asked questions we have been receiving recently.

What is the first date of the new school year?

We have added an additional staff training day to the beginning of the school year, so the children's first day will be **Monday, 7th September**.

For children joining our reception classes and nursery, you will be given a specific start date in a separate letter.

Can I put my child's name down for breakfast club and/or after school clubs?

At this stage, it is not clear whether the school will be allowed to run breakfast clubs, or after school clubs in September. We are waiting on the official Government guidance about how social distancing will work from September. Leaked information seems to suggest children may not be allowed to mix beyond their class group. If this is the case, breakfast clubs and after school clubs may not be possible.

We are expecting the government to release information at the end of this week. We will write to you again once we have more information. In the meantime, please don't contact the office asking about these clubs.

Do you know what summer holiday clubs might be available?

As we explained last week, the school will not have any clubs running from our school. We are waiting on a list from Haringey, of what might be available, so we can send this out to you. Once we receive this information we will send it to all parents/carers.

I'm having difficulty opening the link for these letters – what can I do?

If you have the teacher2parents app and you receive a text link from the school, you may not be able to open the link through the text message. Please open the app to enable you to view the link.

Can I give staff an end of school year gift?

While we really appreciate the sentiment, please don't send in gifts for staff, as they are unable to accept them due to the current health risks. In addition, we realise many families may be struggling financially at the moment and we don't want anyone feeling pressured to spend money in this way.

The staff love a homemade thank you card!

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Scotchbrook', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ian Scotchbrook
Headteacher