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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly I hope this letter finds you well. I cannot begin to thank you all for your support and kindness. We have been overwhelmed by the messages you have been sending in to staff. We cannot begin to thank you for all the work you have been doing with your child's learning. It has not been an easy task and I appreciate a lot of you, like us, have been working from home and in some cases with several children at different stages in their education. These have been very strange times indeed.

As you are aware, the government guidance has been that where possible, children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 return to school. Many of you, like us will be concerned about your child who is in year 5 and the impact this could have on their learning.

We have discussed this with staff and therefore have made the decision that when the year 5 children return to school, they will remain in the same classroom, with the same teacher they have had this year.

This will help the children to settle quickly, teachers already know them well and they understand where they are in their learning, therefore they will be able to help to accelerate closing gaps in their learning.

We feel that this will also support their social and emotional development, there will not be the additional worries or anxieties about getting to know someone new.

- 5P - Mrs Jones
- 5M - Mrs Richards & Mrs Maule

The year 5 staff have put together a pack to support the children and help to prepare them for year 6. These packs are on a red trolley outside the KS2 building. You can collect these packs between 10-2pm daily.

There are still a range of activities and websites providing online learning and we could encourage children to continue with daily TT rockstars/ purple mash and CGP books. We also recommend lots of fun and enjoyment in the sunshine. It is fine for children to do something more creative in the afternoons.

Looking forward to seeing you all. Hopefully that will be soon.
Take care and God Bless.

Mrs Dodds
Head Teacher



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