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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 6. We wanted to write to you all with our Raysfield response to reopening our school and our continued approach in response to the government guidance related to COVID. However, it is very important to us that we also inform you of other school related information. Therefore, you will receive two letters from us: Today is the COVID update, next week will be the Newsletter related to all other business of the school, including information related to transition, reporting and your child's new teacher.

It has been an absolute pleasure to hear our school filled with children's voices again. Whilst we have remained open to those who have needed child care through the Key Worker status, it is lovely to 'fill the classrooms up again.' Our youngest children have adapted with great maturity to the new classrooms, new teachers and a new way of working- we are very proud of you all. On Monday we are looking forward to welcoming our Year 1 pupils; we're all confident this will go positively.

This week it has been confirmed that children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will not return this term. Whilst this does make us feel sad we will not see you this term in person, we know this is what is needed to keep us all safe. Our Home Learning offer will continue and if you need support, please do not hesitate to get in touch office@raysfieldfederation.org.uk or through class dojo.

Safety is the upmost priority when we plan the provision for Term 6. We also need to consider our environment, staff availability and our Key Worker group. We can now confirm our reopening plan for the rest of this term:

	Week 3 15.06.20	Week 4 22.06.20	Week 5 29.06.20	Week 6 06.07.20	Week 7 13.07.20					
YEAR R				This will be the last week reception children are in school						
YEAR 1	1 st week for Year 1				The school will be closed on Friday 17 th July to year 1 pupils.					
					Year 6 will return for 2 days per group.					
YEAR 6 GOLDCREST					MON Group A	TUES Group A	WED Group B	THURS Group B	FRI	CLOSED
YEAR 6 MERLIN					MON Group A	TUES Group A	WED Group B	THURS Group B		

This plan has been risk assessed and agreed by our governing body and leadership team. The infant site has been deemed unsafe, as we are unable to secure the bubble groups in the open plan building. **All bubbles will be housed on the junior site.** This reduces our capacity to accommodate all years at one time.

For Year 6 parents

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children and very pleased we had the chance to celebrate their time at Raysfield (despite not all of our pupils being there) in the last week before lockdown. We know it is important to prepare your child for secondary school and Mrs Harris-Cue and Miss Bidder have a plan to support your children with transition to secondary school and create your Raysfield memories. In addition to your home learning, we will be inviting you back to school in week 7 of this term. Like other year groups returning, the children will need to observe social distancing and only return in bubble groups, the government guidance does not permit them to return in another way. But, unlike the other year groups, because year 6 are coming for less time we will be able to arrange for them to have their own class teachers. More details that are specific for Year 6 will be emailed to you next week.

Key Workers

As expected our Key Worker group has grown during this term and we are now accommodating regularly more than 40 children. These children are divided into bubbles.

Our capacity to take more children into this group is becoming increasingly limited, therefore we wanted to take this opportunity to provide the criteria for key worker status. **This criteria has not changed** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

This group still remains the school's priority and we are committed to supporting parents to work during this time, providing essential services in response to the global pandemic. If you do require your child to attend school as part of the Key Worker group please do email office@raysfieldfederation.org.uk to book a space. The growth of this group, may compromise our ability to provide future provision for Year R and Year 1 and it is important I am honest with you about this. If you are applying for Key Worker status, you will be required to provide evidence from your employer and complete our registration form.

The logistical challenge of schooling during this time continues, but we have all been grateful for your continued support.

Enjoy a relaxing weekend

Stay safe.

Mrs Claire Hill