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Dear Parents/Carers,

Now that all our classes are back, we are delighted that so many children have been able to attend school. Hearing children's voices in every corner of the school again has been wonderful. I would like to thank you for supporting the school with the new protocols and timings. As the one-way system has proved effective, we will alter the staggered times for September to reduce the times between classes.

Last Week of School

Next week is the last week of term. School will finish at the normal times on Friday (apart from Year 6 who will finish at 2:00). A separate letter will be sent out to Y6 today about Friday's arrangements.

Term 1 in September

Plans are being finalised at next week's governors' meeting but I can reassure you that we will be as close to operating normally as we can be. The staggered times for drop off and pick up will be reduced so that all children are in by 9:00 am. Pick up times will be scheduled for each class but the earliest pick up time will be 3:00. If you have more than one child, you can drop both/all children at the **earliest** drop off time and pick up at the **latest** pick up time. All children will need to bring a packed lunch for the first term but the kitchen will provide packed lunches for those children who have free school meals or for anyone who would like to order one. The kitchen will not be able to provide packed lunches in the first three days of the term but will start from Monday, September 7th.

One of the main differences is that in the first term we will close early on Friday afternoons to allow a deep clean but if you are a working parent and need your child to stay at school, we will be providing childcare. We have reduced lunchtimes by 15 minutes to ensure we have more learning time. Next week, I will send out a survey so that we have an idea of the number of children who will need to stay on at school for Friday afternoon.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

We are hoping that this will operate as before although there will be some grouping (KS1 and KS2) when the children are indoors. Jane and Alan have requested that any parents who would like a place for their child in September to please contact them before next Wednesday, (July 15th) so that they can accommodate all requests: newhousenursery@btinternet.com

Next week, I will write with further details about plans for September. In the meantime, have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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