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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are all well.

This letter is a brief update on what we hope will happen in September. The first day back in school after the summer holiday is Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. At the moment there is no certainty that the whole school will be back from the first day but the following plans are based on the assumption that all the classes will return to school at the beginning of the academic year.

**Meeting – Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm**

We would like to hold a meeting with you in the hall on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm to explain school routines and to give you an opportunity to ask any questions.

**Teddy Bear's Picnic – Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm**

On Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm we would like you to bring your child for a teddy bear's picnic on the school field so that your child can meet their buddy from Year 6. For safety reasons, due to the pandemic, we will be asking you to bring a picnic blanket and snacks/drink for your child.

**Transition Sessions (Sept 14<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

The following week (beginning September 14<sup>th</sup>), we hope to start the transitions in the reception classroom. Your child will attend two sessions in the afternoon from 1:00 – 3:00 pm for the following two weeks. The week beginning September 28<sup>th</sup>, the children will have a mixture of mornings and afternoons with the aim of having the children in full time from the week after (October 5<sup>th</sup>).

We will continue to add information to the 'new parents' page on the website so please check it from time to time: <http://www.barham.kent.sch.uk/parents/new-parents> From now on, new letters and videos will be posted directly there. The 'Hello New Wrens!' video has just been uploaded so your children can meet their teacher, Miss MacDonald and teaching assistant, Mrs Potter.

In addition, two parents have agreed to be class reps and have set up a Facebook page to keep you all updated:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/267764750947789/?ref=share>

We appreciate that this is a difficult time but we are aiming to welcome you all properly in September with a careful transition that will focus on the wellbeing of the children, as outlined above.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries or would like a phone appointment to discuss any issues.

Yours sincerely

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