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Dear Parents

Hope you are all well and healthy and safe. I am writing to update you on the next stage of our plans for the remainder of this term within school.

After discussions, we have decided to invite the children in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 back into school for some socially distanced time with their classmates and class teachers. These sessions will be on a Friday between now and the end of term. They will replace the Zoom class meetings for the day on which they occur.

Due to the current regulations and guidelines school have to adhere to, we will not be able to have more than two year groups in school on one Friday. This is due to the amount of space we have to accommodate the children. We hope that the weather is kind and the sessions can be held on the school field and if not then in the Hall with a squeeze.

These sessions will consist of between one and a quarter hours of social time for the children to see each other and for them to do some activities together as a class or year group to re-engage them into school. We know that some of the children may be a little anxious about coming back to school before the start of September after being away for so long. However, this will provide them with the opportunity to overcome these anxieties in a calm and more casual manner.

The session dates will be as follows –

Date	Time	Year group or class
Friday 26 June	9.30 – 10.45 am	Miss Moore and Miss Ramli's class
	Caroline.Moore@almondsbury.co.uk	Yasmin.Ramli@almondsburyprimary.co.uk
	1.30 – 2.45 pm	Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy's class
	Alison.Long@almondsburyprimary.co.uk	Jo.Duffy@almondsburyprimary.co.uk
Friday 3 July	9.30 – 11.15 am	All of Year 5
	Nic.Baykaa-Murray@almondsburyprimary.co.uk	Tim.Dean@almondsburyprimary.co.uk
	1.30 – 2.45pm	All of Year 2
	Nicholas.Garcia@almondsburyprimary.co.uk	Debbie.Leonard@almondsburyprimary.co.uk
Friday 10 July	9.30 – 10.45 am	Mr Evens's class
		Gavin.Evens@almondsburyprimary.co.uk
	1.30 – 2.45 pm	Those children in Reception and Year 1 who have not come into school
	Rebecca.Wingett@almondsburyprimary.co.uk	Hannah.Kuusik@almondsburyprimary.co.uk
	Sarah.Hake@almondsburyprimary.co.uk	Debbie.Leonard@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Of course, this offer is not compulsory as we understand that some parents will not be able to bring the children to school at these times due to work commitments but we would ask that you let your class teachers know if you are intending to bring your child in for the sessions.

Please make sure that you come at the time stated below and collect accordingly as well.

Surname letter	Time for coming to morning school	Time for collecting morning Years 2/3/4	Time for collecting morning Year 5	Time for coming to afternoon school	Time for collecting afternoon
A to H	9.20am	10.45am	11.15am	1.20pm	2.45pm
I to P	9.25am	10.55am	11.20am	1.25pm	2.50pm
R to Y	9.30am	10.55am	11.25am	1.30pm	2.55pm

I would ask you to make sure your child uses the toilets at your home before coming to school. There will be toilets available for the children. These are cleaned after every use currently, which as you can imagine is quite time consuming. The toilets will be cleaned thoroughly between the group sessions as well. The children will not be expected to wear school uniform. When arriving at school you and your child should line up on the yellow spots that are spaced out by the staffroom and office as the children will access school via the gate that leads to the KS2 playground and field.

We are really excited to be inviting the children back into school, even if it is just for a short space of time and look forward to seeing them and you on the days above.

The announcements for 'summer catch up' are so far just words uttered by the PM. There is no substance and not details of what this will look like or how it will be worked. When we have any information we will be of course planning for whatever the requirements will be. The current thinking is that this will probably be an online provision. However, we await the details and these could take some time to be sent out to schools.

With regards to September, we currently have two plans being drawn up depending on whether or not the government restrictions remain in place. Firstly, having the children in on a rota basis with the children from each class coming into school for two days per week, with children from the same family coming in on the same days. The other option is having the children in school all together from Wednesday 2 September. When we are aware of what the requirements are I will inform you which of these will be put into operation.

On another note, your child's teachers have also been writing their reports for this academic year. As you can imagine these have been written with the work and achievements of the children up to the end of Term 4 and not whilst the school has been closed to the majority of children. The section within the reports which states how well your child has achieved against the national standards has been based on the assessments carried out just before the school closures. These have then been used to predict from this time to what the children probably would have achieved by the end of the year. The reports will be sent to you on Monday 6 June via post. Contained within the envelopes will be the details of your child's teacher for September. This has been finalised.

Thank you for your continued support for the school and the teachers. It is appreciated.

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Head Teacher