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Dear Parents/Carer,

I hope you are well and had a lovely half term.

As you are aware, Upton reopened our school site yesterday and welcomed back our Key Worker and Vulnerable Children.

Once again, thank you to everyone that completed the questionnaire that I sent out regarding returning to school. I appreciate it was a difficult decision to make, especially given the strict Social Distancing measures we are having to take.

The last letter outlined a draft plan. However, I am now pleased to say that I am now in a position to confirm arrangements for our Year 6 provision.

- We will be enforcing the 2m social distancing rule with the children *as much as possible*.
- The children will be in a class with up to 10 other children.
- To minimise the threat of the virus spreading, the children will not be able to socialise with other children from different groups but will remain within their 'group' for the duration of their time at school.
- The children will be seated on an individual table throughout the day.
- The children will not necessarily be with their usual class teacher. We will be using all **available** Upton staff to lead the classes of children.
- Arrival and departure from school will be staggered with a shorter school day.
- Children will be expected to wear a set of clean home clothes every day to minimise contamination.
- One to one support will not be possible.
- Parents/ carers will not be allowed into the school. All communication will need to be via telephone or email.
- Children will need to be dropped off and collected by an adult at the end of their session.

On Monday 8th June, I will welcome Year 6 children back. During this week, the Year 6 children will come in for one 2.5 hour session. This will be a transition session and allow the children to meet their 'new' teachers and learn our expectations.

For those that have responded 'YES' on the recent form will have received this letter which includes further personalised information.

On Monday 15th June, Year 6 children will start their new timetables.

- The children will be in school for 2.5 hours a day.
- These times will be staggered to avoid too many children arriving and leaving at the same time.

- Groups will be no larger than 10 children and these groups will be assigned to a teacher and a teaching assistant across the day.
- We will use classrooms in Year 3, 5 and 6.
- I will send out details regarding this next week.

This provision for Year 6 will end on Friday 26th June.

I do realise that this may cause a challenge to some parents with the pressures you are facing returning to work. However, we, unfortunately, do not have the classroom space or the staff to open for longer due to the number of children we have returning to school in the next few weeks. We need to ensure we can meet the needs and safeguard all the children at all times with staffing numbers and social distancing measures.

Please ensure you bring your child to school via the playground gate at the correct time and collect them at the end of their session from the playground.

Please make sure your child wears suntan lotion and brings a hat and a bottle of water. They will not be eating lunch at school.

Please also make your child aware of the classroom they will be working in because they need to know this to know where to go in the morning.

Take care and stay safe,

Miss Arthur

Head of School