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Dear Parents/ Carers,

This week has been lovely because we have started to welcome back our Year 6 children. Every single one of them has shown such maturity in their return and has adapted to our new way of life with ease. Hearing about their lockdown adventures and experiences has been delightful and I cannot wait to see all of the other children soon.

Following Gavin Williamson's announcement regarding all primary school children not returning to school before the summer holiday, I would imagine you all have mixed feelings about this. I am sure that some of you have sighed with relief because you felt it would have been far too soon, whilst others will be concerned regarding the impact the absence from school will have on your child. Please rest assured that we will still be working with you to ensure that your child continues to learn and move forwards before September.

In my last letter to you, I mentioned that I felt it was important for every year group to have the opportunity to have time in school in Term 6. **This remains the same.**

Every child in Year 3, 4 and 5 who responded '**YES**' to the recent questionnaire will be scheduled some time to allow them to end the academic year and have the chance to say goodbye to their friends and teachers.

Upton will reopen its doors to all the children with the following in mind:

- Year 6 provision will end on Friday 26th June.
- From Monday 29th June we will start to provide scheduled sessions for Years 3, 4 and 5. (Exact days and times will follow). *This will not be full-time school but an opportunity to end the academic year and say goodbye to their teachers and friends.*
- We will be enforcing the 2m social distancing rule with the children *as much as possible.*
- The children will be in a group with up to 10 other children from their class.
- 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 their sessions.
- Arrival and departure from school will be staggered, sessions.
- Children will be expected to wear a set of clean home clothes to each session 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.
- There will not be any extra-curricular activities taking place - this includes Breakfast club or After-School Club

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I understand opinion will be mixed and I am not expecting everyone to agree with our decisions, but please understand, we have made them for the **safety and wellbeing of all concerned**.

Thank you to everyone that completed the questionnaire that I sent out last week. I am now in the process of finalising groupings and plans. As soon as I have done this, I will send out further details about the days and the timings your child will be in.

From the 15th June, there will be a change to how we are providing online learning via Teams.

We will be posting daily activities on our school website under the "UptonShip" menu. There will be specific links for each year group and a variety of daily activities, including English and Maths. If you have any queries about accessing the work or questions relating to the work set please contact Mr Jackson via email - Jamie.jackson@uptonjunior.com

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

I am looking forward to standing on the school gates and welcoming you all back soon.

Take care and stay safe,

Miss Arthur

Head of School