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Dear Parent/Carer

14th June 2021

Re: Letters confirming allocation to Learning Zones for September

Over the next two to three days you will be receiving an individual email with a letter attached. The letter will confirm which Learning Zone your child has been allocated to for September 2021.

It is our hope that in September year group cohorts will be able to share break times, lunchtime play time and will also be able to work together in small groups for interventions.

In addition, we intend to deliver a different timetable whereby each Monday the children will all attend a whole school assembly followed by a whole school science session. For their science session, the children will be split into their year group cohort for the morning.

There are a number of reasons for this change: firstly, it allows children who are in different Learning Zones to work together; it allows us to have a motivating and exciting start to the school week; it allows us to teach a two year rolling programme of science topics to ensure all children cover the required topics within the National Curriculum and it will also allow our teachers to specialise in the teaching of a specific year group for science.

We are confident that this approach to the teaching of science will be extremely effective. However, our plans to implement this approach depend very much on the government guidance in place in September when we return to school for our new academic year. This plan very much depends upon us being able to mix bubbles in September as we would be mixing children from two Learning Zones in one lesson and we would also need to have set assembly times and break times. If we are unable to do this in September, I will write to you again with our back up plan but we are planning for a September which will be as close to normal as possible.

We have learnt today that the lifting of restrictions has been delayed for four weeks and this will take us up to the end of the Summer term. Therefore, whatever happens in September will be dependent upon government advice issued during the summer holidays. Our current Covid Risk Assessment will remain in place until we break up on Friday 16th July 2021.

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In September, we have arranged three professional development days for Wednesday 1st , Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd with the children returning to school on Monday 6th September.

We have a range of meetings and training planned for our team during these three days but this also gives us time to respond to whatever the government guidance is at that time. If there are any significant changes such as to the drop off and collection times or any changes to our Covid Risk Assessment you will be informed during these three days. If there are any major announcements we will post our response on the website but otherwise please do not expect to hear any updates until after the 1st September.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's allocated Learning Zone please raise these with your child's class teacher in the first instance. We will be writing out shortly to arrange parent appointments which will provide parents with an opportunity to discuss any concerns with their child's class teacher. If after discussion with the class teacher you are still concerned then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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