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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all are continuing to be safe and well.

We have really enjoyed having more children in school over the last few weeks in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, as well as our group of key worker children; it has brought a much-needed sense of *some* normality back, albeit still a very unusual situation for us all. We very much miss the children who have not been able to return to school as yet.

I am writing to you to confirm that the school will be closed during the summer holiday period. This will be for **all children**, including those of key workers and those who fall in to the vulnerable category. **The last day for all children will be Friday 17th July 2020.**

The senior leadership team are currently working very hard on planning the wider opening for September, when the Government have announced that all primary school pupils will be back.

As I am sure you can appreciate, this is a difficult situation to navigate, with limited guidance being given from Government on a range of issues which impact significantly on our plans, not least; guidance on social distancing for example.

For this reason, and to try my best to limit any confusion and sending out mixed messages, I am unable to confirm the exact arrangements for September with you as yet. Rest assured, I will ensure that Parents and Carers are informed of all arrangements well before the children are due back.

What I can tell you, is that we will have two Teacher Training days at the beginning of the Autumn Term, where **school will be closed to pupils**. These will be **Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September**.

I will do my very best to make sure that you are given advanced notice of our plans for the new school year, but one thing is certain; it will by no means be a return to normality. Not least, we have our school rebuild commencing in the summer holidays! So, in many ways, when the children do return in September, it will look and feel quite different to the school we are all used to.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding,

I will write again as soon as we have confirmed all of our plans,

Stay safe,

Mrs Carrier

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