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Dear Parents / Carers

I wanted to get in touch with you to keep you updated on where we are regarding our capacity and our plans going forward. I can confirm that we no longer have any further capacity in school to take any more children into class 2 this term, except for the children of critical workers. We ask that any parent who is a critical worker, who would like to send their child back to school, to please let us know **by Wednesday morning of the week before you want them to come**. This is so that we have time to prepare. It is not possible for us to accept children without warning.

However, we would like our year 4 children to have a chance to come back to school to say goodbye and spend some time with each other before moving on to their new schools. We are proposing that we have a 'year 4 bubble' for one day only, which would be based **outside all day**. They would be with Mrs Edmison as their bubble staff member. Other members of the school would have to be 2m away but would be able to interact outside with them from that distance. All the usual hygiene restrictions and protective measures would still be place.

We would be dependent on having good (enough) weather although we do have a gazebo and tipi tent and Mrs Edmison tells me she isn't worried about a bit of rain! We are thinking that we could do this during the last week of term. We will be in touch with year 4 parents to talk to you about arrangements for this, including agreeing a suitable day, so that everyone can attend. We still have to follow guidance about reducing the number of visitors to the site, so we would not be able to have a parent assembly (even outside) unless the guidance changes significantly between now and then.

On that note, please can I remind all parents and carers that **only one parent/carer should drop off or pick up to reduce congestion**. We have a responsibility to reduce the number of visitors to our site and this was one of the requests made in our letter to you before re-opening. We appreciate your help in this matter and understand that some of you have no choice but to bring your other children with you. However, there is no need for two, or more, adults from one family to come together onto the school site to pick up or drop off their child.

At the moment, we have no guidance about what will change in September. A lot depends on whether the coronavirus subsides and if infection rates stay low. When we know more we will be in touch to update you.

Thank you again for all your help and support during these interesting times. We hope you are all safe and well.

Kind Regards
Rebecca

