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Dear Parents/Carers

At this stage, I was hoping to be able to provide you with further information regarding the plans for re-opening our school in August. Unfortunately, there remain many unanswered questions. I cannot provide you with specific information at this stage. However, I feel it is important to spell out what I do know.

It is appreciated that we will all have many questions about the months ahead. Here are some of the facts that I am certain our 'new normal' will look like at Barthol Chapel:

- I will have to reduce the size of classes and reduce the number of pupils in school at any one time. We anticipate that ½ the pupils can be in school at any one time.
- I will have to keep children in the same small groups during their time in school. These small groups will be called 'bubbles'.
- I will need to put in place clear protocols/timings for drop offs and pick-ups.
- I will need to increase the frequency of cleaning and clarify the when and how this will be undertaken.
- I will need to reduce the use of shared items and equipment in class and utilise outdoor space to provide educational experiences.



We are working on plans to have no more than 15 children in the school each day. The 15 children in school at any one time will be split into 2 'bubbles' with no more than 8 children in each bubble. These bubbles will not change whilst social distancing measures are in place.

I want to reassure you that at Barthol Chapel, I will ensure siblings will be in school on the same days. I hope this will allow the planning of childcare to be more manageable.

It is important to stress that children will not be in school full-time. I am not in a position to finalise the structure of the days/weeks when your child will be in school. I appreciate that you will be needing this information and I promise that I will provide this as soon as I can.

Details outlining school transport arrangement and school lunch arrangements are still being outlined. School staff will be allowed to return to school from Monday 15th June after the school has been 'deep cleaned' and risk assessments completed.

For parents of our 3 new Primary 1 pupils due to start in August, I will be in contact with you in the weeks ahead to confirm arrangements for your child.

For parents of our Primary 7 leavers, I will be in contact with you to confirm the arrangements for the 'Online Primary 7 to S1 Transition Week' which is planned for week beginning 15th June 2020.

Continue to stay safe!

Yours sincerely

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