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Dear Parents/Carers,

Current Update

Thank you so much for all the support you have shown the school over the past few months, but especially since June 1st as we reopened our school up to more pupils. Staff at school spent many, many hours organising and writing risk assessments to ensure that school was a safe, yet happy environment for our children, and I'm pleased to say that we now have 160 children back in school fulltime.

We have organised classes for next year and our intention is that we will not be moving children around into different classes, as we believe that there has been enough disruption to this year, and as we return in September we want children to feel as comfortable as possible. We will also not be having mixed year group classes like we did this year with year 2 and 3. We intend to revert back to pure year group classes. The children **will** be moving up to a new teacher, but we want to wait until the Government has issued its guidance to schools about September before we finalise our plans. As soon as we can, we will share this information with you.

Summer Holidays update

There has also been much talk about what will happen over the summer holidays. As you will be aware, the staff at Stephenson have worked throughout all the holiday periods, as well as some bank holidays, to ensure that school could remain open during the Coronavirus outbreak. This means that staff have not had a break since February half term.

The Governing Body at Stephenson Memorial Primary School, met recently and made the decision that unless the Government tells us that we MUST stay open during the 6 weeks holidays, it is our intention that school will close as normal on Friday 17th July for the 6 week break. School will then hopefully reopen to pupils on Wednesday 2nd September.

If we hear of any local providers offering childcare arrangements over the holiday period then we will pass this information onto you. I am sure you will agree with me, that all staff, Teachers, TA's, Cleaners, Caretaker, Office staff and Dinner/Breakfast club supervisors, all need a well deserved break and time to plan for what September might look like. I personally thank my staff for their commitment and dedication over this period of time and you also, for supporting the school in this decision.

Hopefully in the next few weeks I can let you know of more concrete plans for September, but as ever, you know where we are, if you have any questions or concerns.

My sincere thanks for your continued support

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