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Dear Parents and Families,

I hope you are all keeping well and safe. Thank you for informing us that you **do not wish to accept** a place in Reception / Year 1 or Year 6 for your child from Term 6.

This letter is to reassure you that we respect the difficult choice that you have made and that there will be no penalty for not sending your child into school at this time.

As you will be aware, we have not 'closed' but rather we have been offering emergency childcare to those parents the government deemed 'Critical Workers' in the national Covid plan. After the Whit holidays when some children from Reception / Year 1 and Year 6, return we will be reopening as a school once again, albeit, very differently with the restrictions we have to put into place and social distancing.

### **Home Learning packs for Term 6**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the incredible effort and resourcefulness you have shown as parents in doing what you can to teach your children. I hope you realise how powerful this is, how much your children benefit from any time and attention you can give them, and how much you are respected by us all.

We are going to refresh our planning, resources and support for you all in Term 6 and will produce new hard copy Home Learning packs for all children. We will contact you after the Whit break, beginning Monday 8th June to indicate how these can be collected from school.

It is important that we continue to work in partnership in the summer term for Home Learning and we hope the new packs engage and stimulate your fabulous children.

Their teachers will still be maintaining close contact with them via Seesaw and Tapestry too, checking in with them for their well-being, setting daily /weekly work to complete. Our App based learning is also available for all children and these are incredibly supportive in developing children's academic learning as staff can see what children get stuck on, or what they fly through!

Our Learning Mentors, Wendy and Jo and our Inclusion Manager, Emma Hart will also continue to maintain contact with you to offer support and guidance. We are all here if anyone needs support and you are all held in our minds and hearts.

Finally, I hope that you are all able to enjoy some relaxation and sunshine during the imminent Whit break from school.

Have a great holiday everybody and stay safe.

Yours warmly

Andrea Curran  
(Headteacher)