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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. As we face the difficult challenge of responding to COVID-19 our thoughts go out to those affected by this event and we send heartfelt thanks to the healthcare workers, local communities and governments around the world working to contain this unprecedented situation. The most important thing, I am sure I will keep repeating is that we stay positive and supportive as a community.

Government Guidance changed this week so we can now offer 15 places in our current year group bubbles, due to a relaxation of social distancing. As you know, schools have always been able to add to a bubble; however ours were previously capped due to our room size. Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 therefore have a few places. Key worker bubbles remain full. We are delighted to hear that schools will be back in September to all children, we are awaiting updated guidance.

This week our focus was 'Keeping Healthy and Active', goodness, the sun shone down on us a little too brightly! The children have enjoyed many different sporting activities during their time outside. These activities included javelin, speed jump, standing long jump, hockey relays and many more.

We had hoped to complete all the activities this week, however, the hot weather got the better of us. The children's health and safety, very aptly are a priority, so some events have been postponed to next week when the weather is due to be cooler. We therefore would ask that the children continue to wear their PE kit again next week. Please apply sun lotion before school and a cap is a very good idea!

Some Year 6 children have been receiving nuisance phone calls from a withheld number. We have spoken to the children in school about this, how to block calls and to never answer an unknown / blocked number. I doubt there is any malice attached, but it might be worth discussing this and other reminders re using phones safely with anyone with phones.

Equally, please can I remind you that the children need a full water bottle every day. Recently several children have brought in empty water bottles, although staff are able to top water bottles up, as you can appreciate this takes time away from the children! We recommend a **fruit** snack too. Also please can we remind you that we are restricting entry to the school so please ensure your child has everything they need. Where possible, please can we also ask that you refrain from handing things to staff.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support; it is very much appreciated!

**Final day of term** is Wednesday 22 July. All Key Worker children will finish at 2pm as normal at the end of term and all other bubbles will have a staggered dismissal at their usual **FRIDAY** pick up times.

**INSET Day:** Remains as 10th July: school will be closed to **all** children.



Our schedule of improving CPS continues; Elm Class has received a much-needed lick of paint and the rooms used by Clubland have also been re-floored and redecorated. Today, decorating the hall began; it will look so lovely. It certainly needs it after the deluge of rain! When Bertie heard about what happened, he wrote me a lovely letter; thank you Bertie!

