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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Phase 4 Re-Opening Update

I hope that you and your loved ones continue to remain safe and well.

As you are aware on Sunday 10th May, the Prime Minister made an announcement that schools, **where possible, should try** to bring children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 back to school from 1st June; as well as the continued provision for children of Key Workers and Vulnerable Groups. All other year groups should continue to be educated at home.

As a Trust, we outlined three key guiding principles in our phased return:

- 1. The safety of children and staff will be our top priority.**
- 2. The main purpose of expanding provision, within Government guidelines, is to further support the communities we serve.**
- 3. We respect that parents are best placed to determine whether their children come to school, if eligible, or continue learning at home.**

From the 1st June, we invited Year 6 back to school. Whilst understandably there was some apprehension, those children who returned have been pleased to be back in school and it has been a pleasure to watch them learning back at school with their peers. From Monday 15th June, we then welcomed back Year 1, which has also been heartening to see children enjoying being back in school. This was then expanded to Reception class from Monday 29th June 2020.

Thinking ahead to September, whilst we are waiting for guidance to hopefully return as a full academy, we would like to invite all children into school during the last week of term for a transition day.

During the week beginning Monday 13th July 2020, children will be invited to Westbridge for one day of transitions activities that will include:

- Spending time with their current teacher/teaching assistant
- Meet their new teacher/teaching assistant for September

We believe that this will be a very positive experience and will help our children feel safe, secure and confident as they prepare to move to their new class in the coming academic year.

In order for this to take place, it will mean that Year 6, who have been invited to school since 1st June, will now finish for the summer holidays on Friday 10th July 2020. Whilst we would like to keep all children in school, this is not possible in light of the guidance on social distancing.

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You will receive a further letter this week, which will provide you with additional details regarding the transition day for your child, which will take place during the week beginning Monday 13th July 2020.

Remote learning will continue to take place over the summer holidays through the Oak National Academy website. Paper copies of summer holiday learning packs will also be available to collect on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2020. In order for this to happen, Westbridge will close to **all children** on Friday 17th July 2020.

As soon as we receive further guidance about September, we will communicate this with you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Thompson
Headteacher