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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to you about our planned organisation for the remainder of this academic year. It has been a pleasure to welcome our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children back to Barcombe since Monday 1st June. We planned their return carefully and robustly, risk assessing thoroughly to ensure that everyone was safe.

On 10th May the Prime Minister announced the phased reopening of primary schools. He talked about the reintegration of Years R, 1 and 6 and said, also, that he wanted every primary school pupil to experience a month of school before the summer holidays began. As you know, this has now not become a priority for the Government.

We are proud of the fact that we reopened Barcombe CE Primary School on Monday 1st June for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils. Some schools in our Local Authority have had to adopt a much more staggered approach due to numbers and/or their physical space. Staff availability has also been an issue for some schools. There are schools in East Sussex that have yet to welcome back their Year 6 pupils, for example.

We would like the opportunity to offer our other pupils the chance to experience a little bit of time in school before the end of this academic year. Our children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 have yet to return and would benefit from re-acquaintance and transition before Term 6 ends. Therefore, we would like to offer them the chance to attend for just a week before 22/7/20. In order to do this, we will need to close our current Year R, Year 1 and Year 6 bubbles. We plan to do this on Friday 3rd July.

If your child is currently able to attend school and has a sibling who cannot, we are sure that you will understand and support our decision. If not, we very much hope that you will support what we are trying to achieve. It would be lovely if every one of our pupils could attend Barcombe for a bit of time before Term 6 ends; never has it seemed so important to transition our children.

We will continue to provide places for our vulnerable children and, of course, for children of workers critical to the COVID 19 response. A letter with more information about our proposed arrangements from Monday 6th July is going out to all of our parents today. We felt it was important to send this letter to you, too.

If you have any questions or queries you are, of course, welcome to contact the School Office.

Best Wishes

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