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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and managing to cope in these very difficult circumstances.

Thank you for your responses about increasing our provision, I know many of you found it a hard decision to make. There was a large amount of families who would like their child to return to school, therefore to ensure that we are being fair and equitable to all we will only be able to offer part time attendance to all that have requested it. This will be 1- 3 days a week. I have given this information to transport and I know they are working hard to accommodate as many children as possible under their new guidelines. We have emailed the days offered to each family, (please let me know if you have not heard anything and you think you should have). It is important to stress that this increase will only happen when the government identify that the infection rates indicate that it would be safe to do so. We are currently planning for **8th June but if the government say we need to delay, that date will need to change.**

Some of you do want your child to return to school this term but not yet. We have a record of those families and we will be in contact with you towards the end of June to discuss this when we know the situation at that time.

For those children who remain at home we will continue to provide home learning ideas and support through phonecalls, facebook, website and emails.

We are also continuing to send EHCP reviews home for your views, please return them to Trudy by the time identified so that we can send them back to the county within the timescales. If there is anything you want to discuss in relation to them please contact school.

After half term we will also need to start to make plans for September. We are hopeful that by then we would be able to provide full time schooling to all of our children, but there are not any certainties. We will be planning to offer some form of virtual transition information for children whether they are in school or not, as mixing of groups may well still be limited. I know that secondary schools will be thinking about what transition arrangements they can put in place and I know they will be in touch soon. I know it does not seem like a priority at the moment but we do need to plan for beyond COVID so if you have any thoughts on classes for your child next year let me know after half term.

Don't forget if you have any concerns or need some support with anything I am in school most days or always at the end of an email.

I hope you have a good half term and look forward to seeing more of you over the next few months.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debby'.

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