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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will know, the Government announced this week that they have withdrawn their plan to welcome more year groups back into school a month before the summer holidays. I thought it was important for me to write and update you.

With the plans retracted, the Government has very much left this up to individual schools to decide whether more pupils can come back to school within current Government guidelines. As you are all aware we currently have four learning groups (Reception, Yr 1, Yr 6 and Key Worker groups) with fixed members of staff for each group. We are proud we have been able to welcome all the year groups that the Government asked us to prioritise from the beginning of June with all essential safety measures in place.

The children back at school have adapted quickly and are enjoying being with their friends. We also appreciate this is of little comfort to pupils in years 2, 3, 4 and 5. We want you to know that we have you in the forefront of our thinking and planning which includes transition.

All of us in Broadwindsor want all pupils learning in school as soon as possible. At the moment we have no room to manoeuvre with current Government guidelines as they are, as all our staff are already in fixed groups and therefore further cohorts of children cannot be started with the same staff, even on a rotation basis. Two key things that would need to change for us to be able to take more pupils are:

- the fixed groups of no more than 15 pupils with fixed staff
- current social distancing measures

We will keep a very close eye on any changes to the guidelines and we will keep you posted.

The staff are mindful that home-learning is becoming harder for you all and we look to fine tune our approach each week. This week we have started to ring around all our home-learning families to just check in with you, so look out for a phone call. Please use this as an opportunity to let us know if you need anything. We continue to be blown away by all of your efforts at home.

There are so many challenges ahead of us but everybody at school can't wait until all our children are back in the school. Let's hope for 'speedy' changes to Government guidelines that allow us to bring all children back to school in a safe way.

Thank you for your continued support,

Philip Smith
Headteacher



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