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Dear Parents/Carers,

Moving Forward – Sharing Our Thoughts

Over the coming weeks, amongst what will likely be many headlines and news updates, we will be keen to keep you in touch with our thinking around what next steps will look like for children at Haytor View. As we share information and thoughts we would be pleased and **keen for you to share any concerns, comments or worries that you have by getting in touch with us in the usual way – via school gateway, email or by telephone.** Whilst we may not have the answers for you in what is a complex national situation, we are keen to take into account your engagement as we look to shape our provision moving forward.

As we begin to consider the practicalities of next steps, we are keen to be transparent about what things have looked like during recent weeks at Haytor View and how, ultimately, it will look in the future. In this letter we are seeking to provide **an update about how it looks now, as well as some key principles that will help us shape what next steps might look like.**

Current Operation and Information – what is happening now?

- We are currently providing child care during school hours for children of key workers and children identified as vulnerable. This has seen us supporting up to 12 children each day, with all members of staff on site during the course of a week.
- Prior to and during the Easter break two members of staff suffered symptoms that were consistent with those of COVID-19; while testing was not available at the time these staff members were advised by doctors that that they were suffering as a result of the virus. These staff members fully recovered and are now well.
- All staff members are working throughout the week, at various times on site, focused on delivering provision for the children of Haytor View, this includes: administration, teaching and non- teaching teams;

Key Principles – these will inform any next steps that we take:

- The health and safety of children and staff members is paramount;
- Any provision for children introduced after 1st June 2020 will be reviewed every three weeks, allowing national and local health trends to be considered as next steps are taken;
- Any development of provision will bear comparison with and be informed by the national picture for easing of the lockdown arrangements for the general public outside school;
- Parents and children will be given at least notice of one week of any change in school operation (wherever this is possible);
- All provision for children in the Summer Term 2020 will focus upon three key areas:
 1. Allowing the children to spend time and play with each other safely;
 2. Supporting children's transition to the next stages of education in September 2020;
 3. Supporting the children's awareness of themselves as learners, fostering their creativity, celebrating what they are able to do, understand and enjoy.

Review Stages - the periods below detail when changes to provision may be implemented:

- Phase A – Prior to the school opening;
- Phase B – 3 weeks after opening;
- Phase C – 6 weeks after opening;

These phases reflect the review period of our national Government up to now, which has allowed next steps to be considered in light of the impact of each phase upon health trends.

We hope that this letter begins to demonstrate our commitment both to keeping your children safe, along with our keenness to see children back at school, enjoying their friendships and their learning. We plan to write to you further over the coming days and weeks and would welcome any thoughts that you wish to share.

Once again thank you for your patience and continued support.

Yours sincerely

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