



29th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 4 - Time to Think
Trial Arrangements starting October 4th 2021

As you'll be aware from the letter sent to you this morning, the school is beginning to take gentle steps forward with reducing restrictions brought in to keep everyone safe from COVID-19. In Year 4 I have been provided with an opportunity, as we look further forward, to explore what next steps in relation to returning to Time to Think might look like. I am writing as I need your help with this.

Many of you will already recognise the value and importance of Time to Think, the comfort and the opportunities that it brings. This flexible start to the day will, in the past, have allowed you to support your child to settle in class at the start of the day and spend time together on an activity.

I have been thinking hard and have made careful considerations as to what this may look like, ensuring both children and adults are comfortable with the changes. As we begin the school's 'trial' return to Time to Think I plan to have a maximum of 6 parents in on each day, joining us any time between 8.35 and 9.00am.

Our trial begins in the week commencing Monday 4th October. We will make sure you know what's going on by sending you a text message letting you know on which day of the week you are welcome. If you are unable to join us there will be no need to get in touch, just like 'normal' Time to Think, the choice is yours. Another choice you have is whether or not to wear a mask if you are attending. Government guidelines suggest that you do not need to wear a face covering, however you may of course wear one if you wish – please do whatever makes you more comfortable.

We really hope that you might be able to join us over the coming weeks for the school's first steps back towards Time to Think. We hope that you are as excited as we are as we get to trial our first steps together.

Yours faithfully,

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