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Dear parents/ carers,

As we end another week, it has been heartening to hear this afternoon of the government's plan to ensure that **all** children will return to school in September. This is the news we have been waiting for and I'm sure, like me, you will be relieved to hear this latest update.

As more information comes through in the coming weeks about what some of the guidance entails for the return, I will let you know.

The return of Nursery, Reception, year 1 and year 6, has gone extremely well, and I have been so impressed with how the children have adapted to our new way of schooling.

In the meantime, as you know, my plan to have other year groups back in school is not possible under the current guidance, as all our staff are currently allocated to specific bubbles. The strict measures in place means I do not have staffing capacity or space for additional year groups.

However, as year 2, 3, 4 and 5 parents already know, following my letter to you earlier this week, I am delighted that I have been able to implement my plan for these year groups to have some additional time in school before the end of the summer term. This has only been possible with the help of parent volunteers. Many thanks especially, to Anna Sedgbeer, for collating all of these helpers and supporting me with the arrangements, including external helpers to ensure the sessions are enjoyable for the children.

A huge thank you too, for the gazebo's offered to the school for use during this time – as the weather looks like it's going to heat up next week, these will be essential as the children will be outside.

I intend to get the gazebos erected on Monday and Tuesday, if you are able to help with this, could you please contact me directly at head@henhamugley.essex.sch.uk thank you!

The positive response from parents so far has been overwhelming, and we have had so many children signed up for the sessions. It's not too late to sign up if you haven't already done so!

The register for the first session on Wednesday 24th June for years 4 and 5, closes on Monday at 10am. If you haven't signed your child up yet, you can still access the register by clicking here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mD_y8HszT0ixsC284DfMTf2FOfjN1fhGq5WMM6xrTijdUQlo5M0xKOUNZNDdSVDI3RkUyTONVQ09IUi4u



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The following week's register, Wednesday 1st July, for years 2 and 3, can be accessed here:

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Since hearing that the 15 pupil limit per bubble is being kept in place, which prevents other classes returning to school, we have been reviewing our home schooling offer and trying to devise a creative and fun set of activities for home learning. As you know, each week I upload activities from the class teachers onto the class pages of the school website. As we head into the last month of the school term, I am aware that it has been a long time away from school for the children, and as such, we would like to increase the variety of activities and learning on offer, but still keep the home learning manageable for both parents and pupils.

Therefore, from next week, you will still be able to access the online resources from the teachers, but you will also find pre-recorded videos from the teachers with ideas for learning as well as support for some of the tasks set.

In addition, Miss Jeremy and Mrs Brennan, are putting together some additional video activities, specifically for the children in years 2, 3, 4 and 5.

I will create a new tab on the menu for these videos so that everyone can access them easily.

I have also asked our support staff to create videos of some activities they may wish to share, again, these will also be uploaded onto the website.

I understand that this has been a very difficult time, and there is nothing I want more, than to welcome all of our children back to school. However, until the government guidance is changed, this will not be possible and so, I hope that you find the videos along with the morning and afternoon sessions a welcome addition to our current offer.

With my continued best wishes,

Kim

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