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RE: Whole School Mid week update

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Dear Parents

I am writing this update for all parents. We are now through the first week of opening for more children and we are all more aware than ever that most of them are still at home. It's been a strange week with lots of learning as we go, even though we prepared well. For those of you still at home we want to say that we miss you! Your teachers will still be able to phone some of you on Fridays and they will still be setting work for you. Remember that if our home learning packs are not working for you the Oak National academy provide really great online resources.

We have made some changes to the arrangements this week for children in school. All of these have gone out to parents via our app – Parent Hub. Children will now take their water bottle home every day and they may bring in uncut fruit. From today children in Y1 bubbles will be brought down to the front double gates for collection by parents.

From Monday our kitchen will start cooking again and children in school (not Key Worker children yet) will need to order a cooked dinner option via Parent Pay. You can see the new menu here: <https://bit.ly/SMISM>.

At the moment we continue to operate within the Government's most recent guidance. This guidance tells us that children must be in bubbles of no more than 15 (and smaller for our youngest children). The difficulty is not in finding staff to take groups it's that we don't have the spare rooms. We would love to take even more year groups back but we cannot until the Government's guidance changes.

All around us we see the nation getting back to some kind of normality and we are welcoming more and more children of Key Workers back too. It's a shame that we can't get back to normal straight away. Many people are suggesting that we will be back to normal in September and we very much hope so.

I am very grateful to all of the staff most of whom are in taking bubbles or getting ready to receive more children from Monday. They are doing an amazing job!

In my Friday update I will be letting you know our staffing for next academic year. Sadly Mrs Searle-Smith leaves us after 6 years to concentrate on her very busy and 'Outstanding' nursery in Whitton. We wish Jacqui all the very best and thank her for her hard work and her ever cheerful can-do attitude. More at the end of the week.

St Mary: Pray for us!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Head Teacher

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