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RE: Midweek Update for all parents

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Dear Parents

Prayer of Saint Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.
Amen.

This update is for all parents.

Over the last couple of weeks it's been wonderful to see so many children returning to school. We now want to look at welcoming even more children back if we can. By this I mean children in Y2,3,4 and 5 who are not the children of Key workers and who were not on the Government's original return to school list. Firstly we must ensure that we are able to accommodate children of Key Worker Parents, vulnerable children and children in nursery, reception, Y1 and Y6. Once places have been given to these children then we might be able to offer places to other children. Group sizes are capped at 15.

We really want to be as confident as we can that all of these children are being given a place, then we will look to see if we can welcome children in other year groups back. If your child/ren are in nursery, reception, Y1 or

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Y6 we encourage you to contact the school if you would like them to return. If you are a Key Worker and your child has not previously come into school please contact the office if you would like them to start attending. Please let us know by 12 noon on Wednesday 24th June after which time we will start looking at provision for other children to return and your child may not get a place.

These first couple of weeks with more children have gone really smoothly. More children are coming back every day and we need to ask that if you are dropping off and picking up you please continue to be punctual – don't arrive early or late. Aim to arrive just at the right time as from next Monday even more children will be coming into school and we still want to maintain social distancing in the drop off and pick up zones.

From Monday 22nd June Key Worker children are being split into smaller groups so that we can align the work they are doing with the other children and keep them in smaller bubbles too. Some Key Worker children are already in class bubbles from Monday to Thursday whilst others are in our Child Care Club staffed by Kick London.

We would like to encourage all children of Key Workers to attend school every day. We will stop using the current online form (on our home page) and instead assume they will be in school unless we hear from you. Mrs Whyms will contact you in the usual way to check any non-attendance – although attendance for all children remains voluntary.

Here's a breakdown of the changes.

Key Worker children reallocation into smaller groups:

Key Worker Reception (KWR) children will attend school every day (class bubbles Mon-Thurs and Key Worker group on Friday). The KWR group on Fridays will be in reception classrooms and will run from **9am to 3pm. Drop off and pick up will be from rear double gates** by the Church. On Friday the group will be taken by Mrs Wakelin and Mrs Wilson.

Key Worker Y1 children (KW1) will also attend school every day and can attend the KW1 group on Fridays. Drop off will be at **9am and pick up at 3pm from the front double gates**. The group will be taken by Miss Green, Miss Springer and Mr Conway. The group will be in the Y1 classrooms.

Key Worker Y2 (KW2) will attend the KW2 group everyday from **9am to 3pm – drop off and pick up from the front double gates**. This group will be staffed by Miss Chalmers and Miss Groarke from Mondays to Thursdays and by Mrs Myers and Mrs Bentley on a Friday. The group will be in the 3M classroom.

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Key Worker children in Y3&4 (KW3&4) will attend the KW3&4 group everyday from **9:05am to 3:05pm – drop off and pick up from the front double gates**. This group will be staffed by Miss Sola and Mrs Macwan from Mondays to Thursdays and by Mrs Macwan and Mrs Qaiser and a member of the Kick London team on a Friday. The group will be in the 3L classroom.

Key Worker children in Y5&6 (KW5&6). Key Worker children in Y5 will attend the KW5&6 everyday from **9:05am to 3:05pm – drop off and pick up from the front double gates**. On Fridays Y6 Key Worker children will join this group. They are in their class bubbles from Mon-Thurs. This group will be staffed by Mrs O'Halloran (Mon-Thurs) and Mrs Nunn (Tues-Fri) and a member of the Kick London team will join them on Fridays. The group will be in the 5O classroom.

All children should come to school in home clothes with a water bottle and a piece of uncut fruit and a clean hand towel everyday. All children will have a school lunch which needs to be booked (and for Junior children) paid for through Parent Pay.

Staff taking these new Key Worker Groups will make videos for the children and a link to these will come out to you via Parent Hub (our app) so please watch it carefully with your child. If you don't have the app please download it by following these instructions: www.bit.ly/SMIAPP.

Best wishes to you all – stay safe!

St Richard: Pray for us!. St Mary: Pray for Us!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F Marsh'.

F Marsh - Headteache

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