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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another lovely week in school with our little 'bubble' of children and despite the weather we have been able to get outside and enjoy some outdoor artwork! Super to see so many of you once again at our online Collective Worship this morning.

Zoom Teacher Meets

We are once again offering the opportunity to book a ten-minute slot with a teacher to encourage, support/troubleshoot or just say hello!

For juniors, Mrs Webster will be contactable on Tuesday from 1.30pm-3pm. Please contact Mrs Webster by email to arrange your time if you would like a slot – l.webster@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk

For infants, Miss Robertson will be contactable on Wednesday from 1.30pm-3pm. Please contact Miss Robertson by email to arrange your time if you would like a slot-
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September Staffing and Arrangements

As yet, we are not able to confirm what the position for schools will be in September due to the current Coronavirus pandemic. However, as you know, we do have some staffing changes taking place. We are therefore writing to share with you our staffing arrangements which are planned for whenever normal service is able to resume.

There will be a new junior teaching team comprising of Miss Lauren Wardle (full-time newly appointed teacher) and Mrs Laura Tokarski (part-time). Mrs Tokarski is already well known to the children and will be teaching Y3/4 in the mornings. Miss Wardle will be teaching Y5/6 in the mornings. The junior team will be supported by Mr Finley Drew and Ms. Bev. Gardiner.

In the infant teaching team, Mrs Pam Seller will be based in EYFS with our new starters (part-time, mornings only). Miss Georgie Robertson remains our full-time infant teacher working in partnership with Mrs Seller. They will be supported by Mrs Jo. Vasey and Mrs Jodie Heldt.

We are very mindful that in these strange times it may not be appropriate for our current children to move into their new classes immediately in September. Some children may not have attended school for many months and it is unlikely that our usual transition arrangements will be able to take place this term. Therefore, Mrs Webster has kindly agreed to remain on the staff team for a short period of time in the Autumn term to ensure that there is continuity and security for our children and a valuable handover period for new staff. We will confirm specific arrangements for September nearer the time and will of course be planning a farewell party for both Mrs Coldbeck and Mrs Webster when allowed!

Learning and Growing together with God

Wider Opening of the School

Further to the government's announcement this week, we will be considering our options and have already begun to seek parental views through our weekly telephone call. We have a forthcoming governing body meeting and will let you know our plans in due course. We will be considering the safety implications, including 'bubble' sizes, staffing ratios and social distancing, as a priority in all of our decision making processes. In the meantime, if I have been unable to have a conversation with you directly, please do drop us a line via email with your views around your child/ren returning to school prior to September. It is helpful for us to get some idea of numbers that may wish to attend **should** we be in a position to offer an opportunity for some additional children to attend school in July.

We are considering what transition may look like for us and this will depend on the guidance that is pending from the DfE around wider opening of the school facilities following their announcement this week. We would love to think that everyone who would like to will have the opportunity for some time in school before September **if** this is deemed safe and possible and is agreed by the Governing Body.

I realise that this letter may not contain the answers that some of you wished to hear this week, I'm afraid that there are no easy answers at this moment in time. However, please know that, as always, we are working hard behind the scenes to try to find solutions that are in the best interests of our whole school family, whilst taking into consideration the DfE and local authority guidance.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Liz

Liz Orland
Headteacher