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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to you all to let you know that over the last two weeks we have met with every class teacher as part of our COVID Recovery Plan. We have talked about each class, groups within each class and individual pupils to ascertain how they have been affected by school closure and what action needs to be taken in order to mitigate any negative effects. It is worth saying at this point that these discussions have made it clear to us that many children have done extremely well whilst learning at home and we have been right not to assume that a “catch up” program for all was needed. Thank you once again for everything that you have done and continue to do to support your children with their learning at home.

Teaching in the summer term will push forward with aspects of the curriculum that have not yet been covered but we have also discussed and agreed ways of ensuring that areas covered remotely whilst the school was partially closed, are revised and that gaps in knowledge and skills are closed.

In addition to quality first teaching (QFT), there will be a whole range of intervention programs running in every year group and children will be selected for these based on individual need. In Years 5 and 6 there will be booster groups in the mornings or after school aimed at preparing the children for transition into Year 6 or to secondary school and our reading volunteer program will be in place for the younger children.

Teachers may be contacting parents and carers if we feel that there are things that can be done at home to help - fear not, this is not a return to “home-school” but it may be that your child would benefit from increased reading at home or some extra basic skills practice - teachers will be in touch if this is the case.

Teacher assessments will be ongoing and continuous as is part of our normal everyday practice and reports about children’s attainment and progress will be published for parents in July.

If you are concerned about your child’s attainment or progress and would like to discuss this, please arrange a time to speak to your child’s class teacher. Teachers can be contacted most easily via email.

Best wishes

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