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Dear Parents and Carers

This letter outlines details of how we **intend** to reopen on 15th June. After a great deal of investigation, it is clearly apparent that we only have the capacity to staff 2 bubbles within St Godric's. This is because life in school is very different and our priority is to ensure that new protocols are carried out to reduce risk wherever possible for staff and our children.

Bubble 1

Our first bubble has been running throughout lockdown and has provided provision for vulnerable groups and the children of key workers. Numbers within this group have risen considerably over the last week, and we have now had to accommodate this group of children in the school hall, as we cannot fit them into a classroom which allows for 2m social distancing.

Bubble 2

The second bubble that we will open, will be for the Year 6 pupils. It is our **intention** that we will be open Monday-Friday for these children from the 15th June, following the survey monkey responses sent back before half term. (Mrs Monaghan will be calling all parents of year 6 pupils tomorrow to gather more accurate figures ready for the 15th June.) The identified days could possibly change if the full cohort of children in year 6 choose to return, because again we will not be able to fit all year 6 pupils into the classroom and ensure social distancing could take place.

On any decisions that are made with regards to reopening, safety is at the core. Alongside Governors, I have a responsibility to mitigate risks wherever possible to ensure that new school life is as safe as possible for all those who enter. Our intentions to reopen are very clear, but situations can change quite rapidly during these changing times. You will be informed of changes as soon as possible, if there is a need for change.

Clear protocols have been written and will be shared with parents and carers tomorrow. We will provide an opportunity for you to ask further questions, although I am unsure how we will



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do that at this time.(I will keep you informed) Some blogging videos will be shared with the year 6 children, so that they will be able to see what their classroom will look like on their return and they will find out which members of staff will be supporting their bubble. It is really important that the children are as prepared as possible for their return to school and we will do our very best to help them to understand how different it will be.

In conclusion:

- **Provision continues for the children of key workers- This is a priority for all schools.** (Please notify school via the school email address if you feel that you fall within this category and you will need provision going forward).
- **Our intention is for school to re-open for Year 6 pupils from 15th June.**

Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity at this time to open up school for children in Reception or Year 1.

No doubt, you will have many questions. Please read through the protocols document that I will be sending out tomorrow. I am confident that many of your questions will be answered within that document and we will provide an opportunity for further questions to be addressed at the start of next week.

Thank you all for your continued patience and support.

Mrs Hill

