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Dear Parents,

This week the Government dropped its plans for further year groups of children to return to primary school for the final month before the summer break. However we recognise the importance of providing all children with an opportunity to return to school, the chance to see their friends and teachers once again and provide closure to the end of the school year, looking forward to the next academic year. We have been continually reviewing our risk assessment and based on this we are planning the following model to run from Monday 22nd June.

Hedgehogs, Owls and Childcare will continue as they have from 1st June.

Squirrels have the option to continue coming in for their two days or to come in for 4 days – Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri. As the year group is so small we can put the two groups together and still be under the upper limit for class size. This will enable the youngest children in school more time to develop those important skills that are key to their early years development.

Woodpeckers class will be invited back to school following the same pattern as the other classes already in school. This is well established now and running smoothly for everyone. Children will be split into Group A who will attend on Monday and Tuesday or Group B who will attend on a Thursday and Friday. As with our previous classes these groups will be determined by the school to ensure an even mix of children in each group. We will ensure that if there are siblings already in school they are in the same group and try our best to make sure they are with a friend! Once I know numbers I will let you know which group they will be in and further information about the day and timings.

Whilst we would love to also welcome back **Badgers, Foxes and Rabbits** in the same way we simply do not have capacity in school to do so safely at the present time. We are limited by classroom availability, outdoor space, toilet and handwashing facilities and staffing. We would love to see you all before the end of the academic year and have organised an alternative plan for these classes. This has been risk assessed to ensure the minimum risk following Government guidance and has been approved by the Academy Trust and Governing Body.

On Wednesdays when we have less children in school we will be offering a 2 hour activity session for each year group with their class teacher. They will be based outside for a variety of activities for four sessions at school before the summer holiday.

Badgers 9.00am – 10.55am

Foxes 11.00am – 12.55pm

Rabbits 1.00pm – 2.55pm

The same strict hierarchy of controls will be in place as for the rest of the school:

- Children must not attend school if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 or if anyone in their household has symptoms.
- Cleaning hands more often.
- Promoting good hygiene “catch it, bin it, kill it”.
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces often.
- Minimising contact and mixing of children and staff.

For these sessions all children must arrive at school promptly and follow the one-way system round to the playground where they will be dropped off at the gate. A member of staff will meet them at the gate and they will

be directed to wash their hands. They will then be based outside with their adults and throughout the session the children will have circle time to talk about their feelings and emotions, activities where they can talk to their friends and teachers, time to play different sports and games. All of these will be planned to take place under the 2m social distancing rule, but we recognise that they are children and the younger children may have contact with each other. At the end of the session they will need to wash their hands before they are dismissed through the big green gates. Parents if you are picking up you will need to follow the one-way system round school and remember social distancing when queuing. They will be outside whatever the weather so please ensure they are dressed appropriately – the British weather can be rather changeable!

I am sure you all have very mixed emotions about what is happening in schools at the present time. Each and every one of us has very different circumstances at home and will have to make our decision based on these. All schools are unique and will be offering different plans to parents based on their individual situations. We have planned as much as we can following all the guidance available to us, ensuring that as we move forward, the safety of our children, staff and community are at the very centre of our decisions, followed by the wellbeing of our children and families.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Best wishes,



Mrs Exton
Headteacher

THE REMAINDER OF THIS LETTER ONLY APPLIES TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN SQUIRRELS, BADGERS, FOXES, RABBITS AND WOODPECKERS.

Please could you email the school office uppinghamoffice@rltschools.com by **12 noon on Wednesday 17th June** and let me know your intentions choosing the phrases below that apply to you as this will then enable us to plan more fully.

SQUIRRELS CLASS

I will be sending my child in for 4 days **OR** I will be continuing to send my child for the current two days they already do.

WOODPECKERS CLASS

Yes – I will definitely be sending my child back to school in the week beginning Monday 22nd June. If you are unsure then please say yes, you can change your mind.

No – I do not want a place and I understand that my child will continue with home learning.

BADGERS, FOXES AND RABBITS

Yes – I would like my child to have a place in their activity group starting on Wednesday 24th June

No – I do not want a place for my child in their activity group.

CHILDCARE

Parents who are currently using **childcare** need to make a choice. Childcare will stay as a separate group and we have to keep groups of children the same, no movement of children is allowed between them. If you use childcare you must choose whether you want to continue to access the childcare group and have up to 5 days of childcare or your child to join their year group for the two days they are in school or the activity sessions they are invited for. I know this will be a hard decision, but we have to minimise the risk in school and having contained groups of children is one of the most effective ways of doing this.

I wish my child to stay in the childcare group for up to 5 days **OR** I wish my child to be with their year group for 2 days or in their activity group on Wednesdays.