Dear Families,

As you will have heard yesterday, the Government have confirmed that primary schools can open to Reception, Year One and Year Six pupils on the 1st June. We have been able to open some places for Reception and Year One pupils and these ‘bubbles’ are self-contained small classes which have children from families who confirmed attendance this week. Families who have children attending will have been sent a pack of information today in readiness for readmission to the school. Each bubble is currently at capacity in numbers and staffing levels and we have tried our hardest to plan and mitigate against every risk we can think of.

For the moment unfortunately we are unable to provide a Year Six ‘bubble’. I sent a message to all Year Six families last week to explain how this is the preference of the Government to focus upon reception and year one. We are very disappointed not to be able to provide for this year group but this position may change and of course we will keep you informed, it will be really good to see Year Six before they leave for secondary school and we will review our provision every couple of weeks.

My thinking now shifts towards to further re-admission of other year groups and September. Yesterday, Nick Gibb from the Department for Education has said that it is less likely Years Two to Five will be in school before September but again, any changes before the summer and we will let you know. I will reiterate my point from last week that we want everything to be back to normal but it has to be safe for everybody.

We are hoping that a new form of online learning will be available soon through Microsoft Office 365. Every class is being set up and new logins will be available for children to access online tasks and use at home, at school, wherever in the world! The idea is to get a system set up not just for now but for the future when we will be back to having a full school again. This process has taken longer than we hoped due to technical issues but we are having training next week and hopefully everything will be set up and ready soon.

With teachers and teaching assistants back in the school the communication coming from the class email addresses will stop and any home learning enquiries can be sent to [homelearning@greatwilbraham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@greatwilbraham.cambs.sch.uk) which will be monitored daily.

I hope you have had a good half term, and I look forward to seeing some families next week. In the meantime please remain safe and well and look after yourselves.

Kind regards

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