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Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, what a busy start to the year it has been!

Thank you so much to parents/carers for such a quick response to our letter which was sent out at an unearthly hour last night. I know that parents appreciated midnight responses from my dedicated team who ensured that we could open today without the need for an extra INSET day. This term has challenged our speed in being able to adapt plans in very short time frames.

I would like to thank our whole school community for pulling together at what has been a very strange and challenging start to the term.

We have a significantly greater number of pupils in school than during our last lockdown and all staff have been deployed to a bubble. We are now at capacity and our bubbles are full given our classroom size, number of pupils and in line with staffing ratios. Should your circumstances change and you need provision please contact us and we will work with the local authority for placements.

We have been able to offer school places to all those parents who requested back in October and to all of the additional requests that have flocked in since yesterday evening.

I am sure that you will understand that the significant difference in bubble size since the first lockdown does cause anxiety for my staff and I am sure for parents of pupils in those bubbles. It is important that parents only use the school as a service if there is absolutely no alternative.

We are here to support you as much as we can. Mrs Archer our pastoral lead is available to speak with parents on the phone most mornings. If your circumstances change in anyway and you need support, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Miss V Edey
Headteacher

'Sharing, Caring, Learning and Loving with God'