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So this week we saw 19 of our Year 6 pupils return and despite their number and the fact we now have 5 classroom spaces in use, school still seems very quiet at times.

To save confusion with the new bubbles in school they have chosen some new names:

Reception - Zebras

Year 1 - Pandas

Keyworkers - Baboons

Year 6 - Tigers

Year 6 - Sharks

Having chatted to a number of families this week, I appreciate many children and their families are struggling with their home learning and I am sure the change in the weather has not helped. Please appreciate you are not alone in this journey.

Although all of our teachers are back in school teaching children, they are still available to reply to messages and they would like to hear what their pupils have been doing. They have been able to sort many issues along the way, including praising and motivating them (also being the big bad wolf if necessary!) We are trying to find alternative ways to enthuse our pupils and we will be sending out more information next week after our next staff meeting.

Year 2 to 5

As I am driving to work on Monday morning, I suddenly hear that schools will not be fully opening before the end of term - it was a complete shock and my thoughts were instantly with those children who have been at home for all these weeks

However, we are thinking creatively about how and what we can offer our children that have not been into school at all in years two to five. Ideally, I would like to offer a small amount of time in school before the end of term so children can reconnect with their teachers and peers in some way. We have to consider our classroom spaces and staffing capabilities whilst thinking about how to create bubbles of children whilst ensuring we minimise the number of networks between families, particularly where one family member is already in school. To help inform our decisions, some of our governors will be contacting the families of these children to gather your thoughts regarding your child coming into school.



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