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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are nearly at the end of our first half term already! I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to ALL of you for your patience, support and understanding this half term as we slowly, as a school family, return to some sort of normality. It is much appreciated by all of us here in school, thank you!

As I said at the end of the Summer term and earlier this term, the 'Bubble' situation will be revised at half term, and here we are!

After discussions as a Senior Leadership Team group and as a Governing Body, looking at Covid rates in our area and given that whilst they are not rapidly decreasing, they are levelling off, we have made the decision to reconnect and re-join as a school family once more!

Therefore, after half term, from Tuesday 2nd November the following will be happening:

- Phases will once more be mixing:
 - Nursery and Reception as EYFS
 - Year 1 and 2 as KS1
 - Year 3 and 4 as Lower KS2
 - Year 5 and 6 as Upper KS2
- They will mix for lunchtimes, playtimes and also for activities within school and in the school grounds
- Prayer and Liturgy and assemblies will resume as phases together
- Extra-Curricular Clubs will resume (hurrah!). Again as phases:
 - Monday ~ TQ Sports Multi Skills for KS1 (30 max)
 - Wednesday ~ TQ Sports Multi Skills for Lower KS2 (30 max)
 - Thursday ~ TQ Sports Multi Skills for Upper KS2 (30 max)
 - Thursday ~ Mrs Ridings Science Club (Y2)
 - Friday ~ Mrs Howarth's running club for Upper KS2 (in the Hall in really bad weather!)

More to be decided and added! (A full list of extra-curricular clubs will be sent out at the start of next half term with clubs starting Monday 8th November.)

By Christmas we anticipate we will be back running as usual in most cases.

We are going to continue the staggered start and finish times as staff, children and families have found that this leads to calmer starts and ends to the school day. However, after Christmas, even before, we do hope to be able to all get back to starting at the same time, although we will continue with some classes using different gates.

Hopefully, covid rates will start to decrease, we can all build up immunity to the common cold, flu, sickness bugs and we can start to be One Family TOGETHER in person once more!

As always, any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

Kind regards,

Annalisa Howarth