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Dear Parents and Carers

As the lock down lingers on and we are unable to be fully operational as a community with all our amazing pupils on site, I am writing to you to set out our thinking for the autumn and to ask for your input to help us with our planning.

Our intention is to deliver purposeful teaching and learning. In the autumn, from September, this is still likely to involve home learning. Whilst we are planning for 3 scenarios – full opening, blended learning (a mixture of home learning and in-school learning) and local lockdown – the most likely scenario is continued blended learning.

For most of our children, there has not been a blended learning approach as the vast majority have been only at home under your care full time with input from school staff.

We are planning for multiple scenarios of blended learning until such time as school is able to re-open fully. At the moment, under the current guidance, we are severely restricted on space and staff. Current Government guidance of social distancing measures, shielding and operating in 'bubbles' in school means that we have very limited capacity to expand our offer.

However, should guidance change over the coming weeks, or during the summer break, we will be able to extend our offer of in-school provision.

In order to help us plan for this, we are sending you an on-line survey. We would be grateful if you would complete this to help us gather data on your preferences around how we might be able to provide more opportunities for pupils to come into school on a rota basis.

The survey will only take a minute to complete but will give us very useful data in terms of numbers and preferences as well as your views about what has been working well in terms of our 'home learning' support and your ideas to improve it.

We will be in touch later this term, before we finish on 17th July, to seek your views further around our Recovery Curriculum and your priorities for our focus.

With very best wishes and thanks in advance

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Buckton', is written over a horizontal dotted line. The signature is fluid and cursive.