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Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday saw the announcement from the government that they would like all children back in school from September. Guidance has been published to support schools with ensuring that this is possible. As a leadership team we will need time to look through the guidance and consider the implications for our Nursery. We will provide a full summary of implications in the coming week but we are delighted that we shall be able to move to a far greater degree of normality and provide children with the rich environment and range of learning opportunities that children benefit so greatly from.

What has happened behind the scenes this week?

- A plan has been put in place and resources created to support the transition of children moving on to school and for those staying with us or coming to us in September.
- We have shared information on some of our children moving on to schools with their new staff.
- The risk assessment for the reopening of school has been reviewed and put on the website.

What will be happening next?

- A summary of implications of the latest guidance will be produced and shared with governors then with parents.
- A revision of the current risk assessment will take place to reflect the changes being made from 20th July 2020.

Transition

We will start to discuss moving on to school with children over the next couple of weeks. We will share resources that we use for those of you with children at home. We have some resources that we will e-mail to you and ideas for ways you can support this transition.

South Hill Transition Day - Wednesday 8th July

We are aware that a number of our children have been invited to the transition session at South Hill next Wednesday. These sessions are quite short and due to current guidance it will not be possible for parents to attend. If you would like to wait in our staff room, we will make the space free for the day so that you have a place to go whilst your child is in the school. Please socially distance from other parents if there are



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a few of you. If your child is usually in school that day and you are struggling to take them and/or pick them up from this session, please contact us and we will see if we can help.

If your child is attending a transition day at their new school and you would like to swap their days in school, please let us know by email admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk.

End of year reports

Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide end of year reports for the children leaving us this year. This is for a number of reasons. Sadly, due to staff shielding, staff sickness and bereavement we do not have a full set of key persons available to write the reports. Those staff who have been available have worked flat out to support with opening the school and supporting keyworker and vulnerable children since 23rd March and then with the reopening for 50% of our children since 1st June. I have had no capacity to give staff planning and preparation time to carry out this task. However, if in the next two weeks you would like a phone call from your child's key person or a member of staff about your child, please email admin@heathlane.herts.sch.uk

Farewell to the Current Cohort

We had hoped that it would be possible to have some sort of gathering to say farewell to our current cohort. However, government guidance still prohibits large numbers of adults coming together and so this will not be possible. However, we would like to do a final Facebook slideshow of the year with children holding up farewell messages for their friends. If you would like a photo of your child to be included in this, please e-mail in your photo by **Monday 13th July at the latest**.

Take care,

Hayley Yendell
Headteacher