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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Provision to End of Year (July 2020)

I hope that you have all enjoyed the sunshine this weekend and you and your families continue to be safe and well as the national and local response to COVID-19 continues to develop.

Whilst following government guidelines, particularly those relating to social distancing and staff availability, our capacity in school has been significantly reduced. Children of critical workers and those who are most vulnerable have been welcomed into school and more recently, Year 1 and Reception pupils too. We have approximately 90 pupils attending school each day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for the work they continue to do to support all children and families both at home and in school. We are all living and working in an unknown and uncertain world and this effort from staff, alongside the huge support from families, has been very much appreciated.

Due to the number of children taking up places in school, **we have now reached our capacity and unless there are changes to government guidelines, we are not in a position to invite any further year groups back into school before the summer holidays.** However, we do have a very small number of individual places available for any further children of critical workers or those who are vulnerable. Please contact school if you feel you are eligible for one of these final spaces and you would like your child/ren to attend.

We know this news will be very disappointing for many of our children and their families, especially Year 6 who are now experiencing a very different end to their time at Clifton Green. As you may know, Mr. Gardiner and Mrs. Peacock, alongside the rest of the Year 6 team, are making plans to support their classes with transition and finding ways to celebrate their many achievements in some way before the end of the school year.

The leadership team are currently revising our school Home Learning offer and expectations and we will share information with all families before the end of the week. This revised plan will support children working from home between now and the end of the year and we are looking to provide some opportunities for online social interaction as well as a renewed focus on the basic skills of Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

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As a school, we are also looking beyond this academic year and into the new Autumn term. We are sure that you will appreciate that this is a very challenging task as the future landscape is so uncertain. However, we are working closely with the Local Authority to evaluate and plan for several different models. As yet, there are no definitive answers on what will happen in the new academic year. We are waiting for further guidance to emerge from central government but please be reassured that we will be doing all we can to safely welcome as many of our pupils back to school at the earliest opportunity.

We expect that children will move up into their next year group as normal and details of new classes and teachers will be shared before the end of the school year. Teachers and support staff in school are aware of the importance of meeting the well-being needs of pupils as well as ensuring that they make appropriate academic progress. This will be vitally important as many children will have experienced such a long period away from school. We will continue to foster close working relationships with families to ensure that all children are well supported in reaching their full potential. The challenges we will face along the way will be experienced by all schools and families, both locally and nationally, and we will work closely with colleagues across York and the country to ensure that our children receive the very best transition back to school and continue to experience a high standard of education moving forward.

As always, if you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me via email (n.jones@cliftongreenprimary.co.uk) or telephone (555105).

Thank you for all of your continued support.

Nicola Jones

Headteacher

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