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Dear parents and carers.

As special schools are still not being asked to focus on particular year groups, we are focusing on those children who need to be in school in order to stay safe for all kinds of reasons or those children of keyworker families.

Some pupils may be in school full time and some part time depending on their needs and shift patterns of their keyworker parents.

The school has been risk assessed to identify the maximum number of pupils we could aim to have in school on any one day whilst maintaining recommended social distancing.

In order to establish social distancing as best as we can (bearing in mind the nature of our pupils' individual needs), we are continuing to organise the school into self-contained bubbles to operate independently within each school.

We are still limited in terms of staff numbers, as this too will obviously affect how many people can be in one bubble at any one time. We also have individuals still shielding for health reasons. Likewise, we are unable to have any child still shielding back in school.

We are all waiting to hear if there will be any easing of the restrictions in the coming weeks and what things are going to look like in September. As soon as we have any news we will let you know. We want to get as many children in school as we can, but given the restrictions outlined above, we are currently almost at full capacity.

I need to make you aware that Transport Services also having to follow social distancing guidelines, and this is most likely to continue into the new academic year.

If your child is moving into Post 16 (year 12, 13 or 14) in September you will still need to apply for transport, the link is below.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schooltransport/parent-carer/eligibility/post-16-provision>

We have all been on quite a journey over the last term and not one we would have chosen. I would like to extend my gratitude to pupils, families and staff, for supporting each other to help us all get through this very difficult time.

Regards,

Niki Wilson