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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to summer term 6 at Chilton Foliat Primary School. I hope you have managed to have a good half term break, made the most of the lovely weather and taken a respite from home-learning. I also hope you are all very well.

The beginning of this term is bringing with it changes in the way we are operating. Key worker club is open and all staff are back in school, together, to prepare for the phased reopening for our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. A great deal of information has been shared with these families and we look forward to warmly welcoming back many of the children in these year groups from Monday 8th June. As you can imagine the school is being organised a little differently, but we will do our utmost to make sure that for all returning, the changes will be explained sensitively and wisely. Much has been written and discussed about how to promote a positive transition as children prepare for the return to their schools and at Chilton Foliat Primary School, our approach can be summarized by the following acronym, SWAN – Safe, Welcoming, All Together, Nurturing.*

As well as preparing for next week, teaching staff will be making phone-calls home to all their families. We understand that as time goes on, the importance of keeping in touch becomes ever more essential particularly for those children we are not yet able to see in person. "TalktoMrsTurner" is providing a good two-way form of communication between home and school. The feedback we are receiving about our home learning provision, via the website, is still strongly positive. Determined to widen our channels of communication, we are rolling out other methods of bringing school life into your homes: the teaching team are preparing to make contact with individual year groups using Microsoft Teams; Madame Sophie is preparing some French lessons for Years 2 to 6 to be presented on Microsoft Teams and Miss Charlotte has been asked to run an online dance club for different class groups. Revd. Sue and the Open The Book Team are presenting a weekly Collective Worship – uploaded onto our website under the "Feed the Spirit/Collective Worship" tab and I will be doing the same. "TalktoMrsTurner" remains open and the website will continue to be regularly updated with useful information, links and photographs of children's achievements. More details about these new initiatives will be sent out soon.

Sadly, I have to share some news with the whole school community about a change in staffing. Mr Hughes will be leaving us at the end of this summer term to take up a new teaching position at another school, much closer to his home, offering him an opportunity to continue to develop

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his career and teach a different year group. Mr Hughes is a tremendously creative teacher and the children in his class have thrived. It has been a pleasure to get to know Mr Hughes over the past year or so. He is a popular member of the team and he will be missed by us all.

As we now seek to find a replacement for Mr Hughes and even though we are working in different times, I want to assure you all that we will not compromise on our high standards or expectations in securing an excellent teaching practitioner, with drive, passion and buckets of enthusiasm, just like Mr Hughes! I am sure you will all want to join me in saying that we wish Mr Hughes the very best of luck as he takes his next career steps and hope he will stay in contact. In the meantime, of course he is 100% committed to supporting his class until the end of the academic year. I will be in touch with an update on the recruitment process in due course.

Finally, and as always, please remember that I am at the end of the phone or email, if anybody wants to get in touch. We await further guidance as to how the school might continue to open more widely and will put the safety and well-being of all our children, families and staff at the forefront as we do. Just like the SWAN - Safe, Welcoming, All Together and Nurturing.

Best wishes

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* SWAN. Developed from Pooky Knightsmith's online training at www.elearning.creativeeducation.co.uk

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