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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are safe and well.

Yesterday we welcomed some Reception children back into school. They have settled back into a routine well and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as children left at the end of the day! As you know, we sent a staff member for a test **as an extreme precaution** on Monday. The test came back **negative** and therefore we will reopen to Year 1 tomorrow (Thursday). School leaders are pleased that we are able to provide face to face, personalised teaching, **in a very safe way**, to the children currently in school. Our safety assessments and procedures have been reviewed by Bolton's Health and Safety department confirming we are doing everything we can to ensure school is safe and parent and staff feedback support this. We will be making a decision about Nursery on Friday and will contact Nursery parents once a decision has been made.

I am sure you heard the announcement yesterday regarding the decision not to open schools to additional year groups unless schools 'have the capacity to bring back more children'. This announcement would have evoked a mixture of responses from families. For some families, it may have increased concern about the length of time their child has missed out on education, it may have caused additional anxiety having to continue to balance working from home, looking after vulnerable relatives and supporting their child's learning and some families will be comfortable with the routine they have created and feel home is the safest place to be. These are normal reactions.

To help alleviate some of your potential anxieties, I first of all want to say, **all families are doing an amazing job!** So many of you have created a structure and routine for your children, using a combination of home learning provided by school and your own creative ideas, supporting your children academically and emotionally. As I said in one of my earlier letters, there will be some knowledge and skills that your child has not been able to build on during this time but **there are so many new skills, new knowledge, new parts of their character (Heathfield heart) that children will have developed and will continue to build upon.** When children do return, please be assured all staff at Heathfield will continue to do what they do best – meet the learning needs of your children.



Each week, the senior leaders, staff and governors will continue to review our risk assessments and procedures, review local and national information and consider updated government guidelines to make informed decisions regarding the opening to additional year groups. **As always, the safety of everyone in the Heathfield family will determine all decisions.**

In the meantime, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and you feel now is the time for your child to return, please contact school. Despite the additional safety measures, Heathfield **remains the happy, familiar and secure place it has always been.** If your child attends, we can start to build on any gaps that may have emerged. If your child is staying at home, continue to access the home learning and development of wider skills.

As always, you can contact me at [events@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:events@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk) should you require any support or guidance.

Best wishes to everyone in the Heathfield Family, Stay safe.

Yours sincerely  
Mr. M D Thornley