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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week this has been, welcoming back our children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6! We couldn't believe how well the children came in and settled and were so excited to be in school. Staff were equally energised by having children buzzing in their classrooms and playing in their zoned areas on the playground. We were impressed that they were cautious about staying at their work space; maintaining a safe distance when moving around the school and responding positively to gentle reminder to stay apart at break time. The only negative was that we couldn't have all of our children back – we really miss them - but we do want to commend them all on their commitment to home learning.

The return to school did go well but there was definitely some trial and error in our approach. Thank you for your patience with this. Here are some reminders and slight adaptations for next week.

**Reception, Y1 and Y6 new days and times for next week:** Don't forget that Grey-Thompson and Rabbit will be in school on Monday and Tuesday and O'Sullivan and Owl will be in school on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Reception will be staying for lunch and leaving at 1.30 on all days and Year 1 will be staying all day until 3.05. Year 6 will be in school on Monday to Thursday, 9 – 3.

See [timetable](#) at the end of the document.

**Home learning packs:** These will be available on Monday and Tuesday, 10-11 and 1.45-2.15. This will avoid crossing any groups leaving the school grounds. All of the material is available on Google Classroom if you miss these time slots.

**Absence:** If you have confirmed that your child will attend school on their allocated days, either in their Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 bubble or in a key worker bubble, and they are unable to attend, please call the absence line or email [office@elp.rbksch.org](mailto:office@elp.rbksch.org) leaving the child's name and year group, with a reason for their absence. We have to report attendance to the Department of Education on a daily basis and are required to have reasons for the absence of the invited children. If you have already advised us that you do not intend to send your child into school, despite their eligibility, you do not need to let us know again.

**Entrance for Nursery and Key Worker at Harrow Close:** In order to minimise cross-over for the 8.30 Nursery and Key Worker drop off and the 8.45 Reception drop off, we have made a slight adjustment to the lining up for Nursery and Key Worker parents. Could these families please queue on the other side of the gate? We will mark the fence on that side at 2 metre distance and put a sign up.

**Key Workers Mufti Friday:** We thought it would be a treat for the key worker children to come in mufti on Fridays. We need to have a structured approach from Monday to Thursday in order to manage all of the groups we have on site but, on a Friday, they are the only children in school and non-uniform will make for a more relaxed fun-filled day. We've let them know and they are very keen on this idea.

Best wishes to you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Keogh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'L' and 'K'.

Lisa Keogh  
Headteacher

