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Dear parents / carers,

I'm aware that there are many of you who will be wondering how the week is going with the return of more children. We have about 1/5 of the school in this week. Reception pupils in small group 'bubbles' and another 10 in the Key Worker group. Currently there are no more than 10 children in each 'bubble'.

All parents have been so thoughtful in their dropping off and collecting and accepting that their child may be in a different 'bubble' to their friend or a different drop off time to a sibling or being taught by a different teacher than their own.

Children have been so good at keeping their distance and adjusting to new routines so quickly.

A huge thank you to all the staff - teachers, teaching assistants, office staff and our cleaning and site staff who have really given it their all - determined to make it work.

Hopefully, those children at home are getting on with their home learning (I know it seems such a long time) and we look forward to hearing more information from the Government as and when they feel it is safe to announce for more children to return.

Over this term we will be looking at ideas for supporting the children's transition to their new year group, which obviously will have to be very different to normal. We will share these plans once they are finalised along with news on your child's next teacher.

At the end of this school year Miss Harris and Miss Afonso will sadly be leaving us. Miss Harris has secured a job much closer to her new home, reducing her long commute to only a few minutes, and Miss Afonso has decided to grasp the opportunity to go travelling for a few months. We will miss both Miss Harris and Miss Afonso enormously. They have both had a huge impact on The Avenue in the years they have been here. I know they are as sad to leave as we are to see them go but we wish them both the very best for their next step. We have been fortunate in recruiting to fabulous teachers who will join us in September- Miss Aisling Greene and Miss Ellie Morris. We look forward to introducing them to you as soon as we are able and confirming which year group they, and the other teachers, will be in.

This week we have heard the lovely news that Mrs Bolter has had her baby! Lilly Bolter was born on Monday 1st June and both mum and baby are doing well. Fabulous news!

Yours in partnership,

Helen Morrall

Headteacher