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Dear Parents,

This week has been a busy one once again at Shipbourne School. Children continue to enjoy all of their learning and everyone has now fully adapted to the new safety routines which look set to continue into next year. I have begun to digest today's government guidance and as anticipated, we will now begin to plan for all classes to be back full time in September providing the national and local situation does not change for the worse. As directed, class groups will be kept separate from each other which will necessitate staggered drop-offs, pick-ups, break times and lunch times. More details will follow towards the end of the summer break.

Thank you for your positive response to the letter I sent earlier this week. In school, we have been helping the children to understand the new rules being introduced this weekend and giving them time to grasp why we are all having to continue being so careful. It is important that as we begin to socialise more, we apply common sense, careful reasoning and caution when making decisions. That said, won't it be lovely to enjoy more time with friends and family over the coming weeks? Let's hope that good weather joins us, too.

As we enter the final two weeks of term, we will be using class time to look carefully at the topics of cultural diversity, racism and equality, beginning with the question 'What makes me me?' before exploring the different cultures that make up our community and the difficulties often experienced when we are treated differently. This will incorporate age appropriate discussions around the topic of Black Lives Matter. We have selected helpful and developmental resources to support learning in school, but if you would also like to begin exploring this area with your children at home, we found the following reading really helpful: <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/black-lives-matter-children-parents-how-to-teach-anti-racism-education-white-privilege-a9569001.html>; <https://yooopies.co.uk/c/press-releases/blacklivesmatter>.

Also next week, Miss Pitcher has worked really hard to organise a virtual sports day so that we can all take part in a fun and active event whilst not all in school together. More details will follow at the beginning of next week.

Finally, if you have any 'Farewell Year 6' video clips, please do send them in by tomorrow so that we can begin to collate the final presentations.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Terri Daters
Head of School