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Dear Parents / Carers,

I wanted to write to you just to give you a little information about how school will look for your child in September.

I wanted to reassure you that careful consideration has been taken about how to set up our classrooms ready for September, taking into account the government guidance and also the fact that your child was only able to complete just over half of their year in Y1.

All children are individuals, as are their learning needs. We are very aware that during this very challenging period, every child's experience will have been different and therefore when we return in September, every child will be at a different starting point. This is being taken into account as we plan the curriculum for next year. We will be ensuring that; where children require more support in an area of learning, this will be provided and where children are ready for more, they will not be held back. Your child's happiness is our main priority, as happy children make good progress, regardless of where their starting point is.

We understand that a play-based curriculum will be very important to our year 2 children. We are organizing our classrooms to ensure that children are able to access continuous provision throughout the day, meaning that they can independently use different areas of the classroom between focused teaching sessions.

When they return to school in September, children will enter through the reception gate (Miss Bowden will be in contact with more details about this) and will be sent straight up onto the yard where staff from their classroom will greet them. Once the majority of the children have arrived, they will be taken down into their classroom. We would ask that children do not bring a bag with them on the first day, but just a coat and their water bottle. The teaching assistant from each class will take children in groups of 4 into the corridor to show them where their peg is.

I hope that this letter gives you an insight into how we intend to create a smooth transition for your child as they begin year 2. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate in contacting us at oxcloseyear2@durhamlearning.net

We wish you all a lovely summer break and look forward to welcoming your child back in September.

Yours sincerely

J. Phillips

Mrs Phillips (KS1 Leader)