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Dear Families,

We are pleased that our bubbles appear to be running smoothly in all of the academies and have been pleased to welcome back our Year 1 children in most of them. We are looking forward to seeing some more of the Year 6 children starting on the 22nd or 29th June.

Unfortunately, with the current “bubble” organisation we will not be able to have others back before the end of term. However, if the guidance changes, we will inform you of any opportunities for this. You will understand that we must take into consideration the safety of the children, staff and families and do not want to undo all the good work that has happened over the months to ensure everyone’s safety.

Free school meal entitlement

As you will have heard on the news, the Government has decided to continue providing vouchers over the summer holidays for children who are entitled to free school meals. If you have already been receiving these, this will happen automatically. If your circumstances have changed recently or you believe that your child may now be entitled to a free school meal, please contact your school office. They will be able to help you and will be able to check whether you could be receiving this financial support.

Holiday provision

We have had a number of enquiries about the Summer holidays. We are currently in discussion with the local authority and external providers. It has been clarified today that the provision will need to be paid for by parents. We are hoping that SCL will be able to provide this provision at two of our sites – Hale and Holly Lodge. There will also be provision from The Club at The Grove and we are aware that many families have already made contact. SCL information will be sent next week and booking will be through them.

We understand that there will be further announcements about provision arranged by Surrey County Council and we will inform you about these when there are further details.

Transition in September

We find ourselves in an unprecedented set of circumstances and anticipate the possible anxiety your family may currently feel about your child’s transition into their new year group. As yet, we cannot be specific about how and when this will take place. Schools are working within a constantly changing environment, with different versions of guidance coming from the DfE on a daily basis. We therefore ask for your patience whilst we put together plans which are practical and flexible.

In order to facilitate the return to school, we have therefore taken the decision to use 2nd, 3rd or 4th September for phased and smaller group transition to their new classes. (1st September will be a staff INSET day). This will mean that we are planning for Years 1 – 6 to return to a full week of school on Monday 7th September. This will be subject to the latest Government guidance at the time. Further information will be sent out in a future update. We are in contact



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with junior schools and secondary schools and understand that they will contact you with the details for transition for your Year 2 or 6 child.

You will be contacted by your child's school before the end of term with as much information as possible. We understand that on 4th July, an announcement may be made by the government which will shed further light on how schools may open in September.

Thank you for all your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Dickinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'C' and a clear, legible name.

Christine Dickinson
CEO The Kite Academy Trust