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Dear parents and carers,

Weekly news update

I think this week holds the record for the number of letters that I have ever sent out! I appreciate however that all of these have been to parents of year 6 and also parents of the key worker groups (plus a 'we haven't forgotten about you' letter to year 2s transitioning to us in September).

The last two weeks have been very intensive and deeply frustrating in terms of school planning for the potential re-opening of the school to year 6s after the half-term. In the first week, local school heads – infants, juniors and primaries - had come up with, in our minds, a really sound plan which would ultimately mean that the schools could re-open gradually for all year groups, but on a part-time basis for all. This model was also sustainable going forward into September if needed. However, more government guidance came out last Thursday night which could be interpreted by some as not fully supporting this model of re-opening, and so on Monday of this week plan A was in the bin and it was onto plan B!

So while we continue to send out home learning via the website and messages from class teachers on Seesaw to help you and your child with home learning at home, we have also be planning for what we are calling 'DJS Bubble School' starting after half-term. Eligible children (according to the government's criteria) will be taught in a 'Bubble' of no more than 15 with two adults, and both adults and children will not mix with any other 'Bubbles' to enable easy 'tracking and tracing' of any contact should that be needed.

Next week the school is closed for half term and we won't be putting up any new activities on the website during the week. Our contact email djshomelearning@gmail.com will be monitored periodically during the week.

Enjoy the week and thank you for your continued support.

Elaine Viner
Head Teacher

