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Dear parent and carers,

Firstly, I would like to take some time to thank everyone once again for their continued support, patience and understanding. Our parent survey has shown an overwhelming support for the school and staff during this unprecedented time and I can't tell you how much this means to us all. Please spend some time completing this if you haven't done so as this really helps us when we are planning for next year as it helps us to prioritise what we need to do to move our school forward.

Planning and moving forward

Over the next couple of weeks, we are working hard to plan and risk assess the wider reopening for September in accordance with the government guidance. We will be going out with information to parents both this week and next so please check your emails regularly and/or the website so that you are totally informed and can make plans.

Just a reminder that school will close on Friday the 17th of July.

We will be opening for year 6 only on the 20th of July and for the new to reception children on the 21st and 22nd.

Before and after school club – Explorers

I am in the process of planning what Explorers will look like ensuring that we are working within the boundaries of the strict government guidance. We will be charging once again for this service and will only be open for children who are registered.

We may have very limited numbers and I am sure you will understand it will run very differently to how it has run pre-Covid. Therefore, I am asking you to get in touch to register your interest in your child accessing explorers from September so that we can start to plan what this might look like. I must make it very clear to you that:

- Explorers may NOT open if we cannot do so safely and fully staffed
- Explorers will only open for a small number of children for whom the family has no other option for child-care
- Explorers may NOT open at all after school, or if we are able to open after school, it may finish earlier than 6pm in the evening to allow for cleaning.
- The cost of Explorers may increase slightly to cover more staffing and/or resources ie extra PPE and cleaning equipment

Please can you register your interest to the school office by Friday the 10th of July at 12:00 noon at the latest so that we can start to formulate a plan next week.

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Reports

You will be receiving your child's report electronically this year. Once again please can you contact the school office if you have changed your email address, if you think that school doesn't have your email address or you have recently separated from your partner and want your own copy of your child's report. We will be sending these out over the next week.

Fundraising

We have still lots of fundraising and fun activities which you can get involved in to support the school.

Please check Facebook, the website and emails for information about the activities below and further updates.

- The 'Wangathon' is a sponsored event where the children can 'Wang' something as many times as they can. Please bring or email sponsor forms to school on Wednesday
- The reception raffle is raising money for new resources for the younger children in school there are some amazing prizes kindly donated by different companies and friends of the school
- Scholastic virtual bookfair – log on to <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/oxenhope> to buy some books for your children over the holidays. We will be launching our Summer Reading Challenge this week so this will help your child complete this. When you buy books, it means that we can also purchase books for school that we desperately need.
- Due to the poor weather, we are extending the closing date of the Sea Creature Hunt to Monday 13th July – hopefully you can enjoy doing it in the sunshine that has been forecast for the end of the week.

Nurture and wellbeing

We understand that some of you and your children will be anxious about returning after some months out of school. We will be providing additional emotional and wellbeing support for any pupil that needs it and also providing additional opportunities to support learning where this is required.

I am delighted to let you know that from September Mrs Dyson will be able to run 1:1 session in the nest. She will also be available for families and early help support.

We are offering children who have not accessed the school at all since March, the opportunity to come and look around the school building on the 3rd of September (by appointment only) see previous letter for more information and how to book an appointment.

Wellbeing and mental health support will be of up-most priority within our curriculum for September taking president in our timetables.

Thank you

Mrs Jones