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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am very aware of the fact that I am writing this letter without any of the answers to the questions that you are undoubtedly asking. It remains the case that schools are hearing government announcements at the same time as everyone else. I am very sorry if your child in Y2-Y5 had got excited about the promise of a return before the end of term and has been left disappointed. However, I thought it was worth telling you the little that I do know!

The Local Authority has been pushing the DfE for more detail about what schools might need to be planning for in September – so far without much luck. All schools in York will be working closely with each other and the Local Authority to ensure that we are providing a consistent city-wide approach. We will be working to prepare for a few possible scenarios – including a mixture of online and in school teaching for all year groups from September. I can only guess how unsettling it must be for you and your children to have such uncertainty and would like to assure you that as soon as I have further information I will share it with you.

In the meantime life at Fishergate is continuing to run smoothly. We are opening up two new bubbles next week which brings us up to nine groups. We are lucky that we have a big enough staff and school to allow us to do this but from next week we will be running at absolute capacity with no flex in the system. So, it will remain the case that if an adult in a bubble is unable to come in then we will probably have to close it temporarily. Since I last wrote to you I have had updated advice and now we will not need to close a bubble due to suspected Covid 19 unless a positive test result comes back.

I am sorry that I can't give you anything more concrete but please rest assured that we will all be working as hard to make sure that, whatever lies in store for us all, that we are doing our best for each and every one of our children.

Take care of each other,

Tina Clarke