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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone is keeping well.

As I stated last week, the government has withdrawn the suggestion that all children will return to school before the end of July. This was always going to be an impossible task if the social distancing rules and other risk reducing factors were not relaxed.

As the government has stipulated that provision for critical workers must be maintained and Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 offered a return as close to full time as possible, every adult and every room in the school is being used. There will, therefore, be no possibility of an offer being made to Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 until September. We will be maintaining home learning for all children who are not attending school. The next pack will be available on 29th June 2020.

I realise the huge strain put on families in other year groups who want their children to return. I only wish the government had asked us to handle this in partnership with our school communities in the first place, rather than making decisions without consulting those of us working in schools.

Like you, I am hoping for a September start for all children to be as close to normal as possible. We will send transition letters to all children introducing next year's teacher and teaching assistant, classroom etc. We are also currently writing our end of year reports. These will give you a guide as to how well children were learning at the point of lockdown on the 20th March 2020.

Lots of plans are being put into place to support children's catch up in the next academic year. I hope that there is proper government investment in schools with funding for additional teachers, rather than schemes that provide tutoring for a few. Be assured we will be doing all we can with the resources we have available, and with your support, fight for resources to be put into schools. If this last few months has shown us anything it is how important schools are. They are not, and never should be, considered places for child care. They are places where children thrive in their learning because they feel safe and happy and are surrounded by the expertise that they need.

Kelvin Grove will continue to be the very best example of an inclusive school that, given the right resources will ensure every child learns to their full potential.

Yours sincerely

Ian Hyde
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