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Dear Kelvin Grove children, families and friends,

Summer Update

We are in the last few weeks of term in the most challenging of years. The government has announced that schools will reopen to all children in September. Rest assured that here at KG we will handle this sensitively and ensure that the curriculum offered to all children on their return is one which both enables them to catch up in their learning but also to come to terms with and learn from the significant upheaval of the past six months.

Critical Worker Provision and Booking

Today I must inform you that all our 'Bubble Groups' in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 as well as all the critical worker groups in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 are full. In fact the critical worker groups are oversubscribed as some people did not register with us back in March when we first asked for forms to be completed. We therefore rely on the booking systems to ensure we have adequate staff and rooms available on a daily basis.

With three weeks to go, (fourteen school days), unless it is the case of an emergency, no new pupils can be admitted. If you consider the circumstances to be an emergency you must contact me directly through the school office. All families who have already attended are able to continue through to the end of term, but in the case of critical worker groups in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 you must have pre-booked by the Thursday evening of the week before you need your child to be in school.

Summer Building Works

I am alerting you now to the fact that there will be no school for any pupils on Friday 17th July. There are major building works happening in school to replace the whole heating and hot water system. We know how important this will be over the winter to keep our children and staff healthy and safe. On Friday 17th July staff will all be working to set up rooms for 7th September. There will be no other opportunity over the summer.

Summer Playscheme

I am sure you appreciate just how exhausted staff are, many have not taken a break since 23rd March. I know some of the community, not just families of KG, rely on the summer scheme for childcare over the six week break. So far the government have made no announcement except that they want providers to be able to open. They have held back on announcing the measures that need to be put into place. It does not appear that there will be any funding or subsidy for working families.

I am not yet sure if we will be able to allow the play scheme to run from Kelvin Grove. We will not have access to the main building, reception area and office. Only the Paxton Building will be available. Until



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the government announce the safety measures that need to be adhered to, it is impossible for me to say if they can be met using the Paxton building. As such I cannot yet agree as to whether or not we can allow Kelvin Grove to be used.

We will, as always, do our best to ensure that Kelvin Grove remains a school at the heart of the community. My priority must be the safe and successful reopening of the school to all pupils on 7th September 2020.

Thank you all for your understanding and support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Hyde', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ian Hyde
Headteacher