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Dear Parents and Carers,

More teaching bubbles from June 29th

What we now know.

We now know who is available to return to school and teach before the end of term. Fortunately, **two more full time teachers and one part-time teacher** are well and will be able to be available **from June 29th** to the end of term. This gives us an option to create three more teaching bubbles.

What we have to do

The guidance clearly requires us to contact all remaining **Key worker and vulnerable children (KWVC) again first** if we have staffing capacity and space to open new teaching bubbles.

I already have a list of all these children but need to know if those children will be wanting to return to school, and if they are I will allocate the children staff who are returning to any new bubbles we need to create accordingly. I will contact all those parents who come into the KWVC category tomorrow so they can confirm if they want their child to return to school or not.

When will we be able to tell you more? That means we will then know by Friday which bubbles we can open from June 29th. It may be that there are further spaces available once I have names of children returning and I will certainly let you know if that is the case.

‘Move Up day’ Classes next year and transition arrangements

Sadly, we can't hold our usual Move Up day on Friday 26 June. However, we are trying to give as much information about classes for next year as we can at this time. **On Friday 26 June you** will receive details about classes next year.

We are working on the assumption we will all be back in school next September. We know that rooms we use and teaching group sizes may still be different from our usual

arrangements, but we will plan for our year groups as normal in terms of class names and lead teachers.

You will receive information about your child's

- Class teacher
- Teaching Assistant
- Class list of children (first names only no surnames possible due to GDPR)
- A Zoom date for children to meet the teacher
- A Zoom date for you to hear from the class teacher
- An information booklet about next year's year group

Good news!

Summer Free School Meals

We owe a big thank you to Marcus Rashford! The Government has changed their view and **WILL be providing Free School Meals vouchers** over the summer holiday. Mrs Barnish will ensure these are in place for each family who has this entitlement.

Sing along A great update from Mrs Swift "I just wanted to give you an update on where we are at with the "Tomorrow" School song recording. There enough to make a good track. We have now recorded a full 9-piece live band (all done remotely) and it is presently being mixed by a sound engineer friend of ours. It sounds great already but I am hoping to get the final mix by the end of next week. At the moment it will be just an audio track but I am looking into putting a slideshow of pictures with it."

So, if you have taken part and have recorded a track and would like your photo on the slideshow please can you email one or two photos to the office address you would like to be added to the slideshow tomorrow. These will end up being part of our website so please don't include names in the photos. There is still time to send a recording in if you would like to (see below).

Read a thon It has been **so good** hearing you reading your stories and I hope you have enjoyed hearing the teachers reading to you too. Keep sending the stories in!

And lastly, to those of you who love footballfootball is back so enjoy the games tonight!

Your sincerely,

Jane Spencer,

Headteacher

Tomorrow

A reminder of how to do the track if you are keen.

Aim: to produce a version of “Tomorrow” from the show Annie, sung by as many pupils and staff at St George’s as possible and backed by a band.

You will need:

- Headphones plugged into a device (phone/tablet/laptop) to play the backing track for each child to sing along to.
- Another device to record the sound onto (Voice Memo on iPhone, Samsung Notes etc.). Ideally anything that records it as mp3 or WAV format. Not videos as the files will be too large to email. Then email this back to the **Year 2 email address year.2@toddstg.co.uk** which will then be sent to me.

HOW TO DO IT:

- Child listens to backing track with ONE headphone and sings along.
- Parent/carer records their child's voice ONLY and sends it back to the **Year 2 email address - year.2@toddstg.co.uk**.
- Each version will be mixed into one track. You don't have to sing the whole song if they don't want to. Just the chorus in RED if need be. As much as possible basically!
- And most importantly HAVE FUN!

LYRICS: Lyrics are attached on this news item.

TRACK: This is just piano, bass and vocals (with a drum track to be re-recorded by a live drummer) at the moment to use as a guide to sing with. A full band backing will be added afterwards. **Track is attached to this news item.**

Have fun singing along!