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Dear Parents and Carers,

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I hope you have all had a good week and those who are learning from home are communicating with their teacher through the class emails. Please do send in any of your child's work to the class email for monitoring by their teacher.

As you know from my previous letters; we have limited capacity within our classrooms whilst we implement important protective measures for our children and staff. As a few weeks have passed since the invitation for Year R to return on the 1st June, I assume that if your child is in Year R and you have not taken your offer of a place then you will not require it before the end of Term 6.

I cannot guarantee that if you are returning your child to school as you are a Key worker that they will be with their year group peers or their current teacher as some bubbles have reached capacity or are close. Once we reach capacity or experience a lack of staff we may not be able to continue to offer provision. We are working hard and to our best efforts to support our school community during this challenging time.

Once your child has taken a place within their bubble, it is important that you understand this place is taken full time regardless of how many days your child attends (another child may not fill your child's place on the days your child is not attending). This is a protective measure for the children within that bubble.

Where we can safely provide provision, we will; however, we cannot 'reserve' places in a current bubble even if you have informed us that you intend to return your child at a later date. Priority must be given to Key Workers who require immediate provision in order to carry out their Key Worker role. Any enquires for provision should be sent to the office@staugustine.medway.sch.uk email. You will be required to provide evidence of your Key Worker role and be asked to read, understand and sign a protective measure declaration before a place will be confirmed.

I would also like to remind parents that the staggered start and finish times and procedures are an important protective measure and must be adhered to. I ask that you do not arrive late as this is disruptive for your child and staff working hard in school to provide this important provision.

I would like to thank all of the parents and carers who have written emails of support; your kindness means a great deal and affirms the wonderful family community we have here at St Augustine of Canterbury. I hope you and our staff have a restful weekend with your families and thank you again for your continued support during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Prestidge
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

