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Dear parents and carers,

It has been absolutely incredible to see how well children are settling back into their school routines this week. We have seen a large increase in the number of parents in key worker roles who have requested places for their children, which has meant we have made a few changes to the Recovery Plan. I want to emphasise that this plan is under constant scrutiny and monitoring to make sure that the school remains as safe as possible for pupils, staff and parents. Thank you to everyone who has followed the new social distancing guidelines to help keep us all safe and well.

This week, school staff and the governors have discussed and monitored how well the risk assessment is working. As a result of this we have made a few changes. You can find the full version on our website along with all of the information for parents, www.andoversford.gloucs.sch.uk. We have made a few adjustments with how we move around the school and where the additional resources for handwashing are kept. We have also asked anyone who is having milk to bring in a small cup for their child, which will be sent home each day to be thoroughly washed.

Books

The importance of reading cannot be underestimated; therefore we are going to supply reading books for the children who are in school. **However we need to make sure that this is done in the most safe and hygienic way.** Children in school will talk to the adults they work with to select 3 books to take home, however only the adult will take the books from the bookshelf. When your child has returned the books to school, they will be kept in a decontamination box for 72 hours before they are returned to the classroom. We would remind parents and carers to please make sure that children are washing their hands regularly at home, to continue the good work that is in place at school.

School Places

At the moment we have some families who are eligible to come into school but who are choosing to keep the children at home. Children might be eligible either because their parents are key workers, they are vulnerable or they are in the invited year groups. We have to make sure that our groups are carefully balanced to keep the numbers to a minimum, which we have been able to do so far. If you are choosing not to take up your child's place, we fully support this decision, but we will need **at least 2 weeks notice** if you wish your child to return to school. This is because we will need to make adjustments to our current provision. If we can bring your child in sooner than the 2 weeks, we will do so, but this will allow enough planning time if changes do need to be made.

Thank you for your continued support,

Best wishes,

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