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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure you are all aware of the discussions and speculation about how schools will support children to 'catch up', due to the extended period of home learning. Therefore, like most schools in the UK we have been busy planning how we will address our children's learning when they return to school.

During this last lockdown we learnt so much from our home learning provision and are incredibly proud that 87% of our children engaged with school, either remotely or using paper packs. This is thanks to your hard work and dedication. There may have been times when you simply wanted to forget schooling, but you didn't. You persevered and this will have had a huge impact on your son/daughter's learning ability.

You are all A-MA-ZING!

We have been so proud that the children have adapted to learning from all of the adults in the teaching teams. It has been such a successful model, which has enabled all teachers and teaching assistants to develop more detailed knowledge of each child as a learner. Therefore, we have decided to work together in phases and across classes to support all the children when they return because this will allow us to offer a bespoke and personalised approach, that we are confident will meet their emotional and academic needs.

This means that your children will have to opportunity to enjoy learning with each of the adults in their Key Stage and learning will be individually targeted. We also intend to spend time rejuvenating our children's well-being through physical activity and PE. Children have spent so much time isolated from their friends it is important they have the opportunity to reconnect with their peers and teachers so our focus will be on social skills and building relationships.

To ensure all our Year 1 – Year 6 children undertake targeted reading and maths intervention work, we have also decided to extend Thursday afternoons by 45 minutes (details of collection times will be made available in a separate letter). If you are a parent who has a sibling in Year R and will be affected by this change please speak to us direct as we will support you on an individual basis.

We are dedicated to making certain our children receive the best possible opportunities at Archbishop Courtenay Primary School and appreciate your continued support

Many thanks

Mrs Sue Heather
Headteacher

