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Coronavirus Closure Update – 17th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware we are **only currently open to Priority children** (Key Worker and Vulnerable children) **and Year 6 pupils**.

I apologise for the disruption to normal service during Thursday 11th and Friday 17th June. I am pleased to report the premises issue has now been resolved.

With regard to the arrangements we have in place for the phased reopening of the school, I can confirm that the measures we have in place to make The Rydal Academy a safe working environment for pupils and staff have gone very well thanks to the cooperation and support of parent/carers, pupils and staff.

Extension to Year 1 Bubble

I can confirm that we **will**, as hoped, **be able to extend opening on Monday 22nd June to include Year 1 pupils**. Any parents/carers who have confirmed they would like Year 1 children to return to school will have received a confirmation of place email containing details of arrangements.

Key worker, Year 6 or Year 1 pupils who would now like to register interest in a school place

Parents/carers who contact the school to request a place should expect to wait up to a week to access a school place even if spaces are available. **Where spaces are available you will receive an email confirming your place, start date and detailing start and end times**. If spaces are not available due to capacity issues names will be added to a waiting list.

Children who arrive at school without a confirmed place will not be permitted entrance.

Year 1 parents/carers of returning pupils (Preparing your child for a return to school)

The school environment will look and feel very different for any Year 1, Year 6 children returning to school. **To support you in preparing your child for this we have shared a video showing the environment and procedures in the Early Years Priority Bubble, Priority Bubble, Year 1 Bubble and Year 6 Bubble on Facebook, Tapestry and through Marvellous Me.**

For further information please refer to the detail in the confirmation of place email and the parent/carers letter from Friday 29th May.

Nursery, Reception, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 pupils

We do not currently plan to extend opening to include Nursery, Reception, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 or Year 5 pupils before September 2020.

Remote learning

We will continue to send work packs home at the end of each half-term for **all** pupils until the school is fully reopened. Weekly messages to each class will also continue. Broader communication with staff through email, Tapestry or Marvellous Me will continue.

Thank you once again for your patience and support,

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Headteacher

