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Dear parent/carer,

Last Monday, we communicated with you following the announcement that schools will re-open on 1st June for Year Six, Year One and Reception children if it is safe to do so. We also informed you that the local authority have been working on plans which they are calling the 'Warrington Offer'. Their aim was to provide the schools in Warrington with guiding principles which will help us make the decisions needed in order to plan for the reopening of the individual schools. They aimed to achieve this by Friday 15th May.

The local authority and a team of headteachers worked tirelessly to make sense of the guidance and we were presented with these principles on Wednesday evening and so we were able to start forming our plans. However, on Thursday, the Department of Education published new guidance which meant that the original principles needed to be looked at again by the task force. We were provided with some information on Friday, but it is hoped that the local authority will provide more clarity by the end of today.

What has been agreed by the local authority is that schools in Warrington will not be reopening on 1st June. As some schools have two weeks holiday, like us, they have agreed that the re-opening for all schools in Warrington will be delayed until 8th June, if it is scientifically safe to do so. What we can assure you is that all three year groups will not be returning at the same time: there will be a phased approach.

When school eventually does re-open, we will continue to provide childcare for the children of critical workers. The definition of a critical worker remains the same as it was at the start of the school closure. At the time of the closure some families were eligible for childcare but kept their children at home. These parents will be contacted to see if they need childcare now the restrictions have been relaxed. We recognise that some parents may be returning to work because they can't work at home and may require childcare. Unfortunately, if you are not a critical worker, and your child is not in the year group returning to work, we will be unable to offer childcare. Likewise, if you have another child whose year group is not returning to school, we have been advised that they must stay at home.

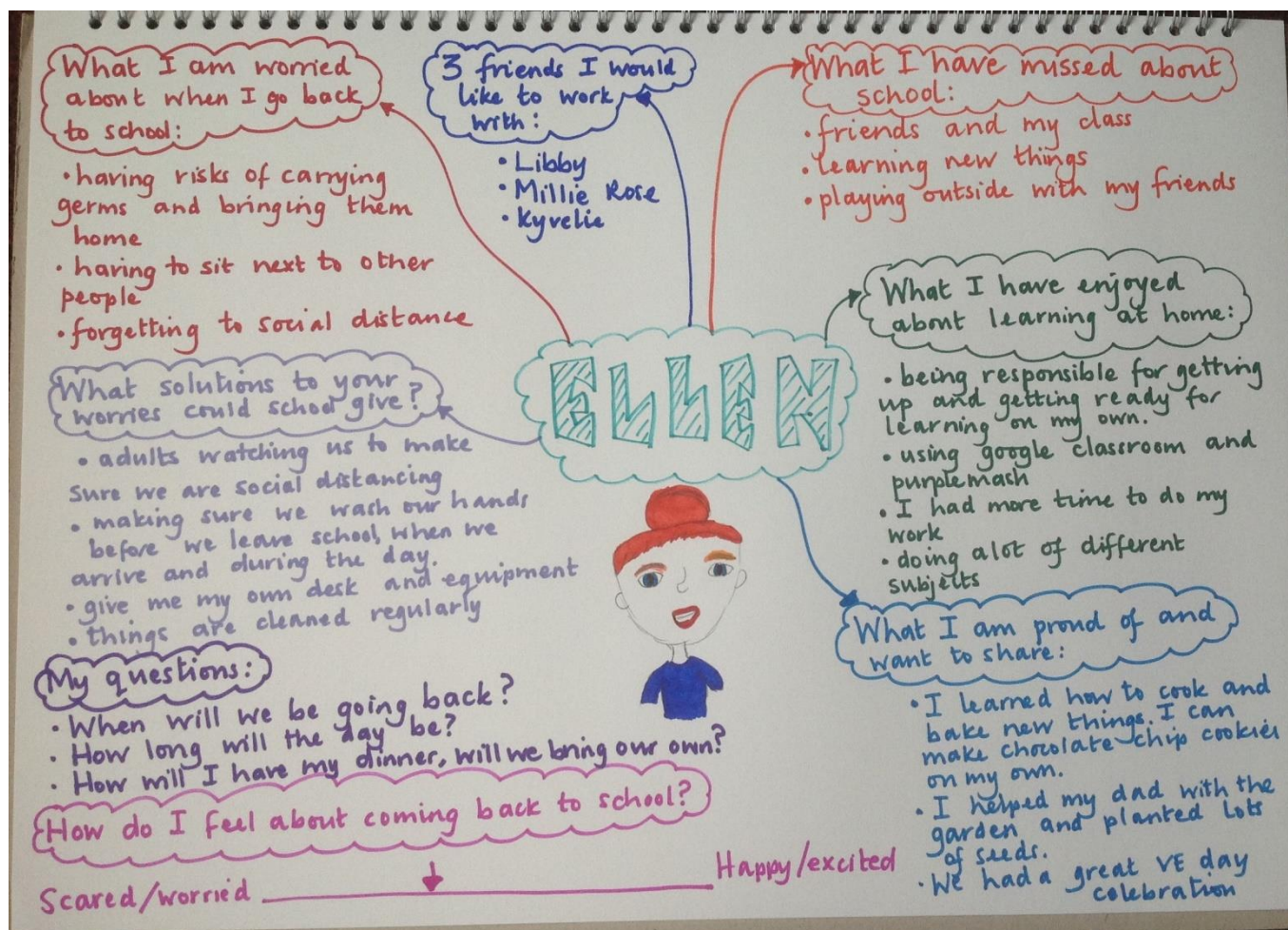
Although we are unable to share our full plans at this time, there are things that we can start to work on. We will be contacting all parents of Year Six, Year One and Reception children to talk to them about how they feel about the school reopening and if they intend to send their children back. Please can we assure you that there will be no pressure put on you as parents, we will respect your decision and you will not be penalised if you choose not to send your child back to school.



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As we stated in our previous communication, every child will have had a different experience and we need to cater for this when the children return to school be it sooner or later. In order for us to capture your child's experience during lock down, we are asking you to work with them on a mind map, which we would like you to photograph and upload onto the home learning platform. We will use this to help us to plan how we can best support each child when they return to school. An example can be seen below that I have completed with my daughter.



The information we receive will help us to tailor the communication to you and your children, making the return to school as effective as possible.

We aim to be completely transparent with our plans when they are finalised and you will be provided with risk assessments, protective and hygiene protocols and also how we envisage continuing to deliver a curriculum for all our children: face-to-face as well as remotely. We are intending to communicate them to you on Friday. However, the message remains that the children, and staff, will only return to school when we are sufficiently satisfied that they can do so safely.

As always, we would like to thank you for your continued and valued support.

With kindest regards,

Shirley Denny



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