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Dear Parents/Carers,

FURTHER UPDATE ON PROVISION – this does not alter the Key Worker provision.

I wrote to you last week about the provision that we were able to offer until we break for the Summer holidays on Friday 17th July. This provision was based on what we felt was right for the children at Vallis School. I was given the go ahead by the Local Authority for the plans we had in place.

Unfortunately, we now have to make some changes to this due to some updated guidance the Local Authority sent out to schools yesterday. This means that the **EYFS and Year 1 part time provision we currently have in place will now continue until the last day of term – Friday 17th July**. Sadly, this means that we will **no longer be able to invite the Year 4s in** during the last week of term and the additional **Year 2 provision will have to stop as of today, Friday 26th June**. This is because we are no longer allowed to increase provision to other year groups unless the year groups the Government has prioritised (Nursery, EYFS, Y1, Y6, Y10 & Y12) have been offered full time provision. We have not offered the full time provision because it would mean half the children being in a classroom and environment that they were not familiar with and that was not set up for that year group.

I can only apologise for these changes but it is out of my hands. I feel saddened, along with all the staff, that we cannot say a proper goodbye to our Year 4s. I am still hopeful that some flexibility may be given so we can at least invite the Year 4s in for a short time – if this changes, I will let you know as soon as possible. Apologies also to our Year 2 children who had come back to school this week with so much enthusiasm. I will continue to keep you updated of any further changes.

Best wishes

Nick Firkins
Headteacher

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – Vallis First School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.