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**Added information regarding:  
Wider reopening of SBPS from June 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020  
Dear parents/carers

Thank you to those of you who have already filled in the Forms survey.  
For those of you who are having network problems Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June letter/form is now on SBPS website and our Twitter page too. This letter will also be posted there.  
Please tell your friends if they don't receive this letter as well.  
Please do not worry if you have accidentally filled in the form more than once for a child.  
The Form will still close on Monday at 8:00am to give us time to prioritise children based on capacity and to let you know what offer you will receive in time for June 15<sup>th</sup>. If you do not complete the form you may not be allocated a place.

In response to questions asked re the June 15<sup>th</sup> offer, below are some clarifications and some modifications.

1. Having double checked with Durham LA, there is still contradictory guidance from govt. regarding childcare from non-shielding adults, including grandparents. There is also still contradictory guidance regarding whether or not parents can access childcare PLUS schooling. Initial plans for reopening from June 15<sup>th</sup> involved a compromise between the 8:00 childcare start we have offered since March and the SBPS 8:55 start all children will have to move to in the future.  
**Therefore, a change to SBPS Offer from June 15<sup>th</sup>.**
  - All children who return to school, from June 15<sup>th</sup>, for the first time since school closed in March, must arrive at 8:55am. (Staggered start obviously for social distancing)
  - Children who have been accessing school prior to June 15<sup>th</sup> should also arrive at 8:55am unless parents' established shift patterns do not allow for this. In this case, those children who have been accessing school from before June 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am can continue to arrive at 8:00am until shift patterns can be rearranged. There is no time limit on this, however, once govt. are clear about childcare/grandparents being able to resume their role outside of school hours school for all will return to SBPS 8:55am.
2. The June 15<sup>th</sup> offer is a Full Time offer.
3. If, as a Critical worker you choose to not take the offer from June 15<sup>th</sup> and that place is given to a YR, Y1, Y6 non-critical worker child then you choose to return in the coming weeks, the non-critical worker child would be asked to leave to facilitate your child's return. **Therefore the return date is June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

4. The June 15<sup>th</sup> offer is subject to change for all the reasons already explained in the letter of June 4<sup>th</sup>.
5. Any uptake or non-uptake of offer will have no bearing on school places/offers for September 2020. Hopefully we will return to normality. If not, then a new offer will have to be worked out based on the scientific advice, govt. stance, capacity in September etc...
6. SBPS staff do not have the capacity for personalised teaching/Zoom type teaching above our current offer during this pandemic.
7. Parents must make the decisions themselves about what is right for their child based on the evidence available to us all.
8. Whether children access the home offer on-site or at home, SBPS staff will do whatever they can to ensure any 'gaps' are closed once the early months of this pandemic are behind us.

Yours sincerely

Mr Bell