June 17th 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

It has been wonderful to see so many children back in Alston Primary School over the last couple of weeks. The teachers are delighted to have their classrooms full of children learning and having fun again.

I am writing to let you know that our four 'bubbles' for Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and Key worker/vulnerable children are now full. In line with government guidance, we have limited the number of children in these bubbles to eight, half of the cohort.

If more children request a place in school, the current provision will change.

If bubbles increase to more than eight children, we will move to a Week A and Week B rota system to offer more children a place in school, as we do not have any more teachers to offer more than one bubble per year group each week. The government has advised against offering half days with a change of bubble half way through the day. Due to numbers, the Reception bubble may move to this sytem from w/c June 22nd. Teachers will notify you which bubble – A or B – your child would be in *if* we move to this system.

Key worker and vulnerable children will continue to be offered three days per week every week, in line with government guidance to prioritise places for these children. This bubble is now full so if numbers increase further in this bubble, the Year 6 bubble will close to accommodate more key worker and vulnerable children.
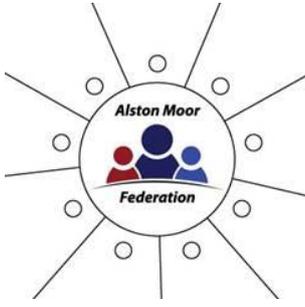
We are not quite at this stage yet but with a number of enquiries about places available in school, this may affect the provision we are currently able to offer.

If you have any enquiries about this, please contact the school office or myself directly on stimmons@alston.cumbria.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

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