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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, there has been lots of speculation in the media over the past week regarding plans for schools from the 19th July. At this moment in time, school leaders have not been given any further information from the DfE about plans for schools in September, and have no more information than parents have on this subject. With this in mind, we have been working on several different scenarios for September, so that we can have a clear plan ready to send to parents when an announcement is made. Please make sure that your contact details on ParentPay are up to date, as we may need to contact you during the holidays.

Please bear with us. We realise that this is extremely frustrating for parents and carers, as it is for school. It can be very inconvenient and frustrating when children need to isolate whilst awaiting test results, or when a bubble is closed, but we must try to stop the spread of infection. The last thing we want is for our entire school to close, as has happened in other local schools.

As we approach the end of term, we are also aware that many of you have holidays planned for the summer break, and again we do not want anybody to be in the position of isolating and missing their holiday, so it is important that we all remain vigilant now. We would ask that all coming on to the school site continue to practice social distancing and wear a face covering until the end of term.

There are only two weeks left in school now, and we aim to make these as fun-filled and normal as possible for the children.

Transition plans

As you may or may not know, transition plans for Year 6 going to secondary school have been altered because of government guidance. The Year 6 children are having virtual transition rather than face to face. Year 6 parents have already been informed of this.

Government guidance states that schools can carry out normal transition activities as long as the integrity of bubbles can be maintained. Unfortunately for us, what that means is that we cannot do transition as we normally would because of our mixed classes. In some cases, mixing for transition would mean children from 5 different bubbles spending the day in the same class. With current guidance and the rates of infection increasing again, we are not allowed to do this.

The classes for next year have all been decided carefully with a range of factors taken into consideration. Current and new teachers have met to pass on necessary information about how your child learns; areas of strength/areas for development; friendship groups; set new SEND support plan targets, review medical care plans etc. to ensure that your child's new class teacher knows all about them before they start back in September.

In order for the children to find out who their new teacher is without it just being read from a list, their new teachers are currently busy writing a letter to them to introduce themselves. The children will receive these early next week and will then know who their new class teacher is.

Some children need extra transition for a variety of reasons and staff have been working hard to ensure that this will be happening despite current restrictions. If you believe your child needs extra transition but have not been contacted about how this will be happening, please get in touch.

Reception children

For children in Reception moving to Year 1, we know that this is an important step and so the children will meet their new class teacher this week for story time on the school field. They will also spend time with their new class teacher next week.

In order for them to get used to the classrooms etc., the children will be taken for a walk to see the rooms/hall etc. in small groups this week while the Y1/2 children have PE outside.

To allow parents to ask any questions that you may have, KS1 staff will be sending you a KS1 welcome booklet and also organising a TEAMS presentation and Q and A session on Wednesday 14th July and Thursday 15th July after school.

You will receive an email with more information.

Year 2

Our Year 2 children who will be moving to the upper school building in September, are going to be taken up to see their new classrooms in small groups this week. We will send out more information for parents regarding pick up and drop off procedures for KS2 when we know the arrangements for September.

Staffing for September

The staffing for September is below. Those of you who have been with us a while will notice some new names as we have two new teachers starting in September: Mr. Turner (Y3/4) and Miss Louis (EYFS). We are really excited to have them working with us, and we are looking forward to seeing Miss Louis in school this week and Mr. Turner in school next week, as they visit us ready for September.

We are also sad to say that we will be losing two fabulous members of staff at the end of this term. Miss Walsham is moving to Manchester over the summer, and understandably didn't really fancy the commute! Mrs Mundy-Gill has decided that the time is right for her to retire. We will really miss them both and wish them every success in the next chapter of their lives and hope they will keep in touch.

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Teaching Assistants</u>
Foundation Stage (2 classes)	Miss Hoggart Mrs Mundy Mrs Ronan Miss Louis	Mrs Agus Miss Limb
Year 1/2 (2 classes)	Mrs Davies Miss Cruickshanks	Miss Railton Mrs Aiston
Year 3/4 (2 classes)	Mrs Pickersgill Mrs Ronan (Fridays only) Mr Turner	Mrs Richardson Mrs Miller
Year 5/6 (3 classes)	Miss Dunn Mrs Parkes Mrs Wood	Mrs Ghoshal Mrs Sturrock Mrs Twidle

Sports Day

Our school sports days will be held the week commencing 12th July. The children will have sports day in phases.

Year 5/6 - Monday 12th

Year 1/2 - Tuesday 13th

Year 3/4 - Thursday 15th

Nursery / FS - Friday 16th

The children will be competing against other children in their bubbles; however, all children and staff from their phase will be out to support/cheer them on. The children will be sat in their separate bubbles for the event. Unfortunately, Sports Day will take place without adult spectators this year but we will make sure we take lots of photos for you to see on the blog.

Leavers' Assembly Year 6

Following guidance being published, we are pleased to say that we are able to hold our Year 6 leavers' assembly on Tuesday 20th July. Our Year 6 staff team will be in touch with parents shortly to confirm arrangements.

Once again, thank you for all your support so far this year. When we started back in the Autumn term, not once did I think I would still be writing letters about procedures relating to COVID in the summer. It has been a difficult year for children, parents and staff.

If you have any queries or questions, please get in contact.

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