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Dear Parents/carers

End of Term

We are expecting the government to provide support and guidance for schools before the end of the summer term in relation their expectations of what schooling should look like in September.

In order to get the school ready for the new school year and minimise the burden on staff who will undoubtedly be giving up more of their annual leave we plan to close the school to all children for the last two days of the term whilst we take two days for INSET.

It is our hope and expectation that we will be able to finish for summer with everything in place and ready for the new school year.

Families accessing our keyworker childcare, or who have returned to schooling, should therefore plan for their **children's last day of school to be Wednesday 22nd July**. Schools are not providing keyworker childcare over the summer.

In The Pipeline

Y6 leavers

We are planning to give the Y6 children a proper send off at the end of term. We are still working on details and possible dates when we will have staff free to welcome them all back in to say farewell to their friends and teachers. We will communicate directly with Y6 parents once we have finalised our plans.

End of year reports

We are still intending to provide an end of year report to parents although this will be in a significantly reduced format and might not be sent out until towards the end of July.

Y6 SATs

There is no expectation for schools to have carried out any formal assessments data due to the fact that children have missed so much of the year. With most year groups we will be able to pick up on this when schooling returns to normal but this won't be possible with the year 6. Therefore, despite the instruction not to carry out any formal testing of children, we feel that you would like to know where we feel your child is and will therefore provide Y6 parents with a teacher assessment. Typically, our Y6 teacher assessments have been incredibly accurate predictions of SAT outcomes in all subjects. We have had extensive meetings with our secondary schools who are fully aware of each child's abilities, friendships and any specific needs they may have.

Classes for Next Year

Once we have determined our staffing model for next year we will begin to sort out classes. We think that many children have missed their friends and to then tell them we are mixing up the classes might add further anxiety. Therefore, where possible, we will aim to move children up with their current set of classmates. I can't guarantee this will be the case for everyone as we've had a couple of changes imposed upon us but it's certainly the intention. We will write to you once this has been completed – again this may be closer to the end of July. We won't be running transition days.

Uniform for September

Don't go out and start buying uniform just yet. Assuming we are all back as normal (and there is no guarantee of that) I'm intending to relax the requirements on Uniform for the Autumn term to give everyone enough time to get everything they need. The plan is for uniform in Autumn to be optional with a return to the usual strict dress code in Spring.

Free School Meals

Those families who are receiving school meal vouchers will continue to receive them throughout the summer term and school holidays.

I look forward to seeing you all soon

Gary Walker
Headteacher