

1<sup>st</sup> July 2020

Dear parents and carers of children in year R to year 5,

I am writing to keep you up to date with our planning for September 2020 and to reassure you all that we are continuing to do all we can to prepare. Whilst there have been rumours reported in the press this week about the rules for September, there has been a delay in the official guidance being sent to schools. This is putting schools under increased pressure as we come to the end of the school year and prevents me at this point from being in a position to share specific details about how the school will run.

We are still expecting to welcome back all pupils in September, but are aware that school opening may be subject to additional local measures as we have seen this week in Leicester. Whilst I cannot share specific details on how we will be opening in September, I am able to share some key dates at this point.

**Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July** – Letter home informing you which teacher each class is moving to.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – End of Year Reports posted home.

**Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Transition opportunities through the school website.

We are increasing the number of inset days at the start of the autumn term. This will not affect the total number of teaching days, which remains at 190 days. In addition to the planned inset days on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of September, we are bringing forward two further inset days to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of September. We will use 2 days to put classrooms back together and 2 days to focus on training and planning teaching and learning. The first day of term will therefore be Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

We have made this decision for the following reasons:

- After a long absence, it will be beneficial to the children to have a 3-day week to start with rather than a full 5 days.
- With term finishing soon and no guidance to work from, we have limited time to put detailed plans into place and communicate these with families so that they know what to expect.
- We are not able to start organising classrooms for September in the next 3 weeks as we have to keep bubble groups completely separate.
- We know that rules and advice change regularly and it seems prudent to give ourselves time to respond to changes that might be made over the next 2 months.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours

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