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Dear Parents and Carers

The last few weeks of the school are approaching so we would like to update everyone on our plans for the remainder of term and arrangements for the Autumn term. Parents have worked so well with school this year, through all the changes and challenges of the pandemic, and we know your support has been integral to the success of this school year and the progress pupils have made.

1. Parents Evening

We have reflected on recent advice from Public Health and sadly this means that in order to try and protect our class bubbles and reduce risk to everyone our parents evening will be virtual. We plan to offer parents and carers the option of a phone call or a TEAMS video call on the late afternoon of Wednesday 14th July. Parent will be text a link this week to an online FORMS where you can make your booking request, stating your preferred format for the meeting and preferred time. If you opt for a TEAMS meetings a link will be sent via email nearer to the date. Appointments can be made from 3.30pm until 6.15pm. Appointments will be offered on a first come first served basis and confirmed with a text message. We also plan to share class lists for September during this event. If you are not able to attend then class lists for the autumn term will be sent home by letter the following day.

2. Prize Giving and our annual Governors meeting

As many of you are aware we hold an annual parents meeting with the Governing body, providing parents with the opportunity to hear about the Governors actions over the school year. COVID19 guidelines do not permit a gathering of this size this summer but hopefully next year we can join back together again.

We continuing with our Prize Giving service for pupils and have revised the format to ensure it is COVID Secure. Each day of the week ,beginning on Monday 12th July through to Friday 16th July, we will have a virtual school assembly celebrating the award winners in each cluster. Photographs will be taken as pupils receive their awards and we will post these on Facebook to share the celebration (providing parents have given consent) so look out for your child's class group. On Friday the event will conclude with whole school awards such as our School Shield awarded to a pupil who has embraced our vision 'Learning for Life'.



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3. School Leavers Assembly

We have six students who will be leaving school this summer. We will celebrate their final assembly on the last day of term and often parents join us. This year we still want you to be part of this service although it cannot be face to face. If any parent wants to send in a farewell message for these students, maybe your child has been on the school bus with a school leaver over the last few years or they are one of their friends in Oak, Beech or Cedar class it would be very welcome. Please write a note and pop it in an envelope for the attention of Mrs Banger, our school receptionist by Friday 16th July and they will be included in our service.

4. Next academic year

We are well aware that there are increasing concerns about COVID 19 rates, especially around supporting those individuals who do not yet have access to vaccinations. We also know how many of our pupils are vulnerable or have been shielding so based on public health advice we are going to continue to operate in class bubbles for one more term and then review this late autumn. We have informed Pupil services, who arrange home school transport, and have asked them to continue to transport pupils in their class bubbles. For a few pupils this has meant longer journey times and for all pupils a lengthier process for loading and unloading buses. To make this a little better, we have operated on a reduced day this school year to assist with the journey times and allow additional COVID cleaning time in classrooms. This will continue next term and the school day will be 9am start and end at 2.45pm-3pm, reflecting the staggered departure times of each class group. This will be reviewed before Christmas to see if we are able to resume the more locality based home school routes and return to the normal school end of day time.

Can we also remind parents that due to the higher COVID rates and the symptoms of the Delta variant that parents should not send children into school who are unwell. The policy has changed locally and was shared with parents earlier this term. Sadly schools are having to close school bubbles across the City and we are dealing with this complex situation too. Please be aware you do need to be available to collect your child quickly if a bubble closes at short notice due to safety reasons or COVID contact / self-isolation. We will do our utmost over the next few weeks to try and keep school running as smoothly as possible.



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5. INSET days in 2021/2022

And finally we know parents appreciate good notice of inset days so that you can make arrangements for children and plans for your family. There are 5 days planned for next academic year

- Thurs 2nd September and Friday 3rd September: School reopens to pupils on Monday 6th September 2021
- Monday 1st November 2021
- Friday 27th May 2022
- Monday 6th June 2022

Kind regards

Mrs Lorraine C Dawney, Headteacher