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Changes to end of term events

Friday, 25th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will no doubt be aware that the government confirmed last week that the easing of restrictions has been delayed until at least the 19th July.

Following this announcement we needed to await and then check through the updated guidance for schools. Unfortunately, as a result of the updated guidance we have had to make the difficult decision to change the arrangements for a number of planned events.

New starters

These changes affect our new starters more than any other group, as these children are not in our existing school bubble. To preserve our existing school bubble as much as possible we have made amendments to our 4+, new starters transition timetable, which will appear as a separate attachment to this email if you fall into this group.

We have had to make the really difficult decision to minimise our new starter transition programme to maintain the integrity of our school bubbles. This is necessary as some of our new pupils come from a wide number of nurseries and therefore bubbles and mixing them in school could compromise our existing bubble.

We do still have two sessions to which all new starters are invited, but these will take place outside, to minimise the risk and as far as possible, children and families from the same nurseries will be kept together. These events have been stringently risk assessed, but are still subject to change, as COVID transmissions fluctuate in the local area. If the rate of infection continues to increase in the area, this may result in the events being cancelled if we feel the risk is too high. Therefore, please ensure that all contact details are up to date, so that we can keep you informed of our latest plans.

Sports days

Sports days will still go ahead for our pupils but sadly we are not able to invite parents and carers to attend.

The dates are as follows

EYFS 8th July

KS1 16th July

Lower KS2 15th July (pm)

Upper KS2 15th July (am)

Transition afternoon.

Monday, 19th July – Transition afternoon/Meet new teachers.

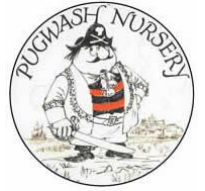
This is an opportunity for children to meet their new teacher, see their class environment and prepare for the next academic year. Activities will take place outside where possible and of course this is weather dependent.

Reports out to parents on Thursday, 15th July

Reports detailing your child's achievements and areas for development will go home on this date. The reports will also detail your child's class teacher for the new academic year.



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Leaver's event

The Year 6 leavers event will be on the afternoon of Wednesday, 21st July. A separate letter detailing this event will be attached if you fall into this group.

The last day of term for all children is Thursday, 22nd July.

Friday, 23rd July is an INSET day for staff, and as such, children are NOT in school.

COVID Guidance

If your child or a member of your household/support bubble has COVID-19 symptoms.

- Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible.
- You, your child and anyone else you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have the test.
- Anyone in your childcare or support bubble should also stay at home if your child has been in close contact with them since their symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Useful COVID information

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

We are so disappointed that we have had to make these changes, but as always, we do so in order to keep our school and the wider community safe and in accordance with current guidance, bearing in mind that as a large school we have a greater numbers of pupils and adults to think about. If you would like to discuss these arrangements with me, you are more than welcome to do so.

Thank you once again for your continued understanding.

Kindest regards,

Miss K Martin

Head of school.