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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the school year, in very unusual circumstances, we wanted to share our plans for the final few weeks with you.

Our school is currently open to key worker children, vulnerable children as well as pupils from Y6 and Y1. We have made further plans to open next week for Reception and Nursery children. At that point, we will not have sufficient classrooms or staff available to accommodate any other year groups. Unfortunately, this means that the children from Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 will not be able to return to school at any time before the end of the summer term. We hope that by September we will be able to welcome all the pupils back into school.

All class teachers will make a final 'keep in touch' phone call to children not currently in school during the last 2 weeks of term to speak to the children and hopefully to you as parents and carers as well. All teachers are also writing reports which will be sent home on Friday 10th July. These have been slightly slimmed down but will still include plenty of information about progress and attainment in the key curriculum areas up until school closure in March 2020.

We will let you all know which staff will be teaching in each year group in Mrs Farnell's 'Keep in Touch' letter on Friday 3rd July as well as letting you know which teacher each class will be moving to. We will not be mixing the Y2 classes this year, as we have done previously as they move into Y3, as the children have not been in school to be part of the planning for this.

We have a virtual transition day planned for Friday 10th July when all the children will be able to meet their new class teachers on Class Dojo and then we have a week of reflective activities planned for the final week of term both in school and for home learning on the website and Class Dojo. More detailed information will follow. We really hope we can still round the year off in an appropriate way for all the children.

We have taken the decision to postpone (rather than cancel) our Year 6 Graduation Assembly and this will now take place one evening in the autumn term. We will contact all families of our Year 6 leavers in September with details of this event and we hope that the vast majority of our pupils will return to enjoy a special evening to celebrate their time at our school.





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We will also be ordering the Year 6 leavers T-shirts and these will be ready to collect, along with Learning Journey boxes and end of year reports on Friday 10th July for all our Year 6 pupils. We will send a reminder out to our Year 6 families about this nearer the time.

Our school will not be open over the summer holiday. There is no provision for the children of key workers for this period and parents and carers will need to make their own arrangements for childcare if necessary. Some private nurseries may be offering summer clubs as in previous years.

You may have heard in the news recently that there will be additional funding allocated to schools in the next academic year (2020-2021) in order to facilitate 'catch up' programmes for pupils. Once funding is confirmed, we will make plans regarding how these programmes will be delivered in order to secure the best outcomes possible for our pupils. We will update you on these plans in the autumn term.

As you may recall, Mrs Farnell will be retiring as Headteacher when term finishes in July and Mrs Dingsdale will take up the role of Acting Headteacher until a permanent appointment is made by governors. Mrs Range and Mrs Glynn will both be taking up the role of Acting Deputy to support Mrs Dingsdale, as well as retaining their current responsibilities for Special Needs/Safeguarding (Mrs Range) and Early Years (Mrs Glynn).

Thank you so much for your continued support through some very difficult months. As parents and carers you have shown great patience and resilience during these very challenging and ever changing times. Your acts of kindness and words of support and thanks at various points in this journey have been much appreciated.

The finish line for this school year is almost in sight. None of us could have predicted how this year would unfold but we feel that together we have made the best of the challenges that have come our way. We look forward to brighter days ahead when our school community can reunite.

Many thanks.

Mrs P Farnell
Headteacher

Mrs L Dingsdale
Deputy Headteacher

Mrs A Lashley
Chair of Governors

