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Transition arrangements and the next academic year.

Dear Parents and Carers

Can I firstly start by saying a huge thank you to everyone within our community for the support, understanding, patience and willingness to be adaptable during the challenging times that we have faced over the last 5 months. At all times, the communication with you has been superb, and we have had your child(ren)'s education and wellbeing at the forefront of everything that we have done, and continue to do.

Our thoughts are now moving towards planning for September, and the publication of the government guidance about a wider and full opening for all children in September has allowed us to make firmer plans over the last week.

I would like to reassure you that, although it sounded and felt alien and very different when introduced, the bubble system of working at school has been running incredibly smoothly. The children that we have seen returning to school have been happy, confident and do not seem to have been adversely affected by the disruption of the last few months in terms of their wellbeing. They are loving being back at school, which for us is great! We already love having far more children back in school, and are looking forward to September when it will be all of our children returning.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the rest of the school back for the transition sessions, and if your child is not able to return through being in a critical or vulnerable group, your child's new teacher will be contacting you and your child separately in order to have some bespoke transition via a phone call.

It is important for you to know how well the bubble system is working, as this is the way that we will need to continue to work in September, dictated by the government guidance which clearly sets out the statutory measures that we will need to take. That will mean a slightly different return to school in September, with some staggered start and end times, different entrances and exits and different hours of working, including an early finish as at present on a Friday afternoon to allow the statutory preparation, planning and assessment time for each teacher that cannot be achieved in bubble working. We will confirm these arrangements to you in plenty of time by the end of the term, including extended care and club provision for working parents on a Friday afternoon – we will just check first that everything works as planned during transition week. No teaching time will be lost by these differences in arrangements as we have adjusted the recreational times during the school day, including the starting times, to be able to make these adaptations.



In September, we also intend to resume breakfast and after school club provision. We are awaiting confirmation from Kindergarten Kids of further details and we will again confirm this to you as soon as possible. We also don't as yet have any firm details from Stagecoach about the running of the school bus in September, but we expect it to be running and again, as soon as we receive these details we will let you know.

At present, we are not planning a wide range of after school clubs to take place in the first term, as we would normally communicate to you at this time of year, as it's not clear how these could run under the new guidelines. However, we hope to run some sports clubs, including on Friday afternoons, and also some before and after school catch-up learning sessions for all groups of pupils, and this will be confirmed at the start of the new term. As you will I am sure understand, there is much to try and sort out under a very new set of guidelines at the moment, some of which we are still awaiting.

One thing that we can confirm though is our staffing for next year. We are delighted to be strengthening and expanding our team with the addition of Miss Clarke, who joins us as Grasshopper class teacher. She has been in school a great deal this term already, planning with her team and she is looking forward to meeting the new Grasshoppers next week.

The teaching team therefore looks as follows:

Miss Wood *	Year R	Caterpillars
Miss Bestwick	Year R	Butterflies
Miss Cunningham	Year R	Dragonflies
Miss Madge	Year 1	Ladybirds
Mrs Litchfield	Year 1	Crickets
Miss Askham* Miss Smith (full time schools direct teacher training)	Year 2	Busy Bees
Miss Clarke	Year 2	Grasshoppers
Mrs Kirby	Year 2	Fireflies
Mr Caple*	Year 3/4	Jellyfish
Mr Depradines	Year 3/4	Blue Whales
Miss Kup	Year 3/4	Seahorses
Mrs Cotter	Year 3/4	Dolphins
Mrs Wills/Mrs Mount MTW/ThF	Year 3/4	Sea Turtles
Mr Horan	Year 5	Leopards
Mrs Leeleratne	Year 5	Tigers
Mr Barker	Year 5	Lions
Mrs Wright*	Year 6	Panther
Miss Woodruff	Year 6	Pumas
Miss Hamilton Assistant Headteacher	Morning teacher in Year 6 for reading, writing, and maths groups	

***Phase leaders in bold**

You will separately today be receiving a letter from us letting you know who your child's class teacher is, and the days and times to attend for transition.



We will also be saying goodbye to a long-standing staff member, who we will miss very much in so many ways. Mrs Wibberley has worked at Reculver for 22 years within our VI department, and leaves us to begin her retirement. We will miss you greatly Mrs Wibberley and thank you for the expert support that you have given to so many children over those 22 years.

We also welcome a number of new staff joining our support staff group, to provide extra support for our pupils within classes across the school.

We welcome Mrs Barker and Mrs Chappell to our Early Years team, Mrs Salisbury and Miss Birkett in Key Stage One, Mrs Skinsley, Mrs Sturt, Miss Tottman and Miss Clayton-Brennan to Lower Key Stage 2 and Miss Witham to Upper Key Stage 2. It is wonderful to be able to expand our team, benefitting children across the school with additional support.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help you, and we will be in touch with the finer details about September before the end of term.

Yours Sincerely



Headteacher

