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Dear Parents / Carers

In the light of the Prime Minister's decision to extend the national restrictions further – until 19th July as the next provisional date - we have had some guidance from the DFE and Kent about events in the summer term in school.

It does mean that the summer term will not be able to run as we wished for some events, as we are being told that we must maintain our bubbles and not have gatherings so as to avoid the risk of the spread of the virus and also preserve the childrens' time and education in school without bubbles 'popping'.

Therefore, we will unfortunately not be able to invite parents to sports days this year, to our annual whole school end of year worship or to see a Year 6 production.

Year 6 parents will also already have been informed that Year 6 secondary face to face transition is cancelled this year, due to DFE restrictions imposed. For Year R transition for our new entrants, have had to adapt our plans for transition. Unfortunately, we heard this week that the government and local authority have both advised for Early Years and Secondary transition events to be postponed due to the delay in reopening and instead, they will take place at the very start of September on the first days back, when parental meetings were going to take place, with these meetings taking place this term by phone instead. New entrants will be receiving a separate letter this week.

However, trying to be positive, our in-school transition day will still be OK to go ahead, as it maintains the year group bubbles that we already run, so children will still be able to meet their new teacher and class mates before the end of term (date still to be decided)

Similarly, due to the year group bubbles, the Year 6 leavers event should be fine to go ahead, and we hope to be able to invite a Year 6 parent for each child to the leavers assembly, outside, as this is scheduled to be after the 19th July – however, we will need to wait for further guidance on this.

This is all mightily frustrating for us, as well as for you, and not how we would like to do things at all. However, if the delay allows everyone to be vaccinated, maybe there is an end in sight to the return to normality.

Best Wishes



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Executive Headteacher