

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will all be aware of Boris Johnson's announcement on 14th June, that COVID restrictions will remain in place until 19th July. This will obviously have an impact on all schools.

I have outlined our 'road map' to the end of term, but I would urge you not to compare what we are able to offer with other schools. We have risk assessed all the activities and have had to take into account the size of each setting, the number of children involved and the limitations of both sites. We have considered the guidance from the DfE, Public health England and Bucks CC, and at all times the safety and wellbeing of the children are paramount in our decision making. Please also be mindful of the fact the dates and activities outlined in this email may also be subject to change, should Government and Public health England advice change.

Year 6 residential to Norfolk and year 3&4 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum - This will be going ahead as both activities were risk assessed under the current guidance.

Year 5&6 Cricket - This has now been cancelled.

Infant dancing - The Infant children will dance, and the event will be videoed for parents to view (the same as the Infant Nativity). Parents won't be allowed on site as it is not possible to accommodate all parents safely.

Echoes concert at the Albert Hall- This has now been cancelled

Mr Mackriell will continue to run the after-school Tuesday Choir rehearsals until further notice, as we are planning to film the singing for you to enjoy.

Alice in Wonderland performance - Unfortunately, the children will not be able to perform this to the parents. We have risk assessed the hall and are only able to accommodate 25 parents at each show. We would also be unable to put up the black-out curtains over the windows as we need to ventilate the hall. The performance will be videoed and a link to it will be sent to parents before the end of this term.

Music Concerts

Drums - The Junior drummers will be performing to the Junior children and parents on 23rd June. This will be outside on the playground (weather permitting) The children will be in their bubbles and the parents will be at the rear of the playground, on socially distanced chairs. If wet, the drummers will be in the hall and parents will be watching outside with their brollies!

Keyboard - The Junior pianists will be performing to 19th July. This hopefully means parents and children will be able to come into the hall.

Guitar recital - To be confirmed, but probably outside in the same way as drumming.

New Foundation Parents - New Foundation parents will be invited to an evening chat on 28th June at 6pm, socially distanced in the foundation outside area. We are still reviewing the possibility of the new foundation children joining us for the morning of 6th July.

Extra year 2 day at the Juniors - still reviewing

This has been pencilled in for 28th June, but we are still reviewing if this is possible.

Move Up day - still reviewing

We hope to be able to offer the opportunity for children to go to their new classrooms and meet their new teachers on 6th July. Unfortunately, most of the current year 6 children will not be visiting their secondary schools. Foundation, year 1,3,4 and 5 will move to their new classrooms and meet their new teachers for the morning. Year 2 will come to the Junior site and spend the morning with their new teacher and the afternoon with Miss Holdford in the hall. Specific information for year 2 will be sent nearer the time.

All classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned once the class leaves for lunch.

Parents evening - We will offer an optional zoom parents evening on the 7th and 8th July, following your child bringing home their school report. As last time, there will be 10-minute slots on zoom with your child's class teacher.

Sports day - Infant children will have a sports day, but unfortunately parents won't be able to attend as it is not possible to accommodate all parents safely on the field.

Junior children will have a sports day, but it will be split across 2 days: Year 3 & 4 on 14th July in the morning and year 5&6 on 15th July in the morning. Parents will be able to watch from the central area of the field and remain in their designated space. This is clearly a weather dependant event.

Leavers' Service

The year 6 leavers' service will be on the school playground at 9.10 on 16th July. The Junior school children will be in the audience, in their bubbles. Parents of year 6 children and Governors will be invited to attend, and chairs will be socially distanced at the rear of the playground. If it is raining, then this will be reconsidered.

It has been a rigorous, considered process to decide which activities are virtual and which can be attended by parents and Governors. We understand that there will be a level of disappointment as you haven't been able to attend school events on site all year; the staff and Governors are disappointed too. However, the safety of yourselves and the children has been always been the deciding factor.

For all items that we are still reviewing, I will send an update next week to inform you of the final decision

Let's hope we can get back to some semblance of normality in September.

Yours,

Mrs K Price and Mr G Ecott (Chair of Governors)