



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to the children returning to school on Monday 5 July 2021.

We have been able to rearrange the day trip to Southend for the pupils. This will take place on Wednesday 7 July. The coach will be leaving school at 8.30 am and should return to school by 6.15 pm.

It is clear that locally and nationally we have rising cases and we must all do our part while we still have significant portions of the population unvaccinated. Staff working in schools have not been prioritised for vaccines and many of us have only just had the first jabs so it is important to bear in mind that there are still increased risks that need to be managed.

We have discussed the risk assessment and rearrangement of the sleepover and unfortunately, due to the increased amount of positive cases in the locale and the number of connections of cases with school, do not feel comfortable with this going ahead. The reason being that in order for this to work we would need to extend the number of people who would be in the Year 6 bubble. This increases the risk of having to close the Year 6 bubble again before the end of term at a time when more people are having to self-isolate. This is clearly the thing I would most want to avoid so that Year 6 can spend their final two weeks in Primary school together.

We understand that the pupils may be feeling disappointed, but rest assured we will ensure they have a fun last two weeks making lots of memories together. Instead therefore we will arrange on Tuesday 6 July in the afternoon a pizza party and either a trip to the park to play games together or a movie afternoon weather dependent.

At present we have the end of year leavers service booked in for Wednesday 14 July at 9.15am in the secondary school multi-purpose hall which has excellent ventilation and space. We will be able to accept visitors for this, but it will need to be a maximum of two adults per child. Luckily, due to the size of the space this will be easily done and will still give you clear sight of the children. We will live stream this to the other classes in the school so that they can be involved, but due to restrictions will not be able to have them in the hall.

On the last day of term, Year 6 pupils often will have their school shirt signed or bring in a book for signatures from classmates and staff. We are very happy for them to do so.

I understand that there will be some disappointment, but I hope you will join me in keeping a positive outlook with the children at this time.

Best wishes



Ms Luzmore

Primary Headteacher