16th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer break is upon us and it will be a very different one, I would imagine, from the normal ones we have shared with family and friends in past years.

Whatever your plans, I know each day will be generate memories for us all. We will find time to laugh, play games, which once belonged to our own childhood summers, and grab some peaceful moments where we can watch the world in all its beautiful creation.

All the Staff and Governors wish you and your family a safe and wonderful summer break. September will be different, but we have already had a ‘dry’ run at the systems and practices needed for everyone’s safety.

On our website is the new Risk Assessment, for September 2020, and I urge you to read it before the return to school on Friday 4th September 2020. It does outline the ‘current’ DFE guidance regarding masks in schools which I know is a topic of conversation at the moment.

To further support you across the summer and on the return to school we have copied some links which will offer advice and resources for dealing with children’s anxiety. Each and everyone of us will have many mechanisms to cope with this pandemic and very often it is the young ones who may try to hide their worries the most.

I know in September we will continue to place mental health and well-being at the core of our teaching and learning.

**Recourses to support parents/Carers across summer 2020.**

**Young Minds** - Talking to your child about Coronavirus and 10 tips from their Parents Helpline to support family wellbeing:

https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/talking-to-your-child-about-coronavirus/

**Covibook** – an interactive resource designed to support and reassure children aged 7 and under, designed to help children explain and draw the emotions that they might be experiencing during the pandemic:

http://cdc.mobilize.io/links?lid=KGSPTL-VZUlxBBXTyUc36Q&token=HUQN1Hsh31gNaQCV0Y6Tpw&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mindheart.co%2Fdescargables

**Place2Be** – Guide to helping parents answer questions from their children and to support family wellbeing:

Thank you for all the support and kindness which we have received during this very ‘unusual’ academic year 2019-2020 and we look forward to working in partnership with you in 2020-2021.

Keep safe,

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