Dear Parents and Carers,

As the academic year 2019-2020 comes to an end on Friday 17th July, I want to thank our families and children for working alongside us during some very challenging times. Our ‘blended’ learning has grown in strength and the continued communication the staff and I have had with our families really does show the impact that expectation has in developing and nurturing our children.

On Thursday 2nd July 2020, the Education Secretary delivered the briefing on plans to get all children back to school in September 2020. Attendance will be mandatory from September.

Schools will also be expected to have plans in place to offer remote education to pupils who are self-isolating. It would be at that point the additional support would mean our ‘blended’ learning would continue via The Oak National Academy and Class Dojo.

Schools are asked to minimise contact between pupils and stagger arrival and departure times. The size of the ‘bubbles’ has been relaxed for September but children should still be encouraged to physically distance within school and beyond the school to reduce the risk of transmission for the community.

I know you will support the many planning decisions we will have to make across the next few days. Each child’s Annual Report will be sent, via email, on Tuesday 14th July and the class ‘bubble’ will also be communicated along with some systems and practices, for arrival and departure times, in preparation for the return in September 2020.

Our Year 6 ‘Leavers’ will receive a Class of 2020 sweatshirt, courtesy of the PTA. Mrs Walker has been compiling a visual testimony to the children who reach the end of their Key Stage 2 journey. This will be posted on the website and Class Dojo. Each Year 6 will also receive a gift from the Church as a memory of their time within our Church of England Primary School.

For those children in Reception to Year 5, within the home setting, who wish to send their memories or warm wishes to our Year 6 children through Class Dojo can do so by Thursday 16th July. We know the Year 6 children would treasure the kind words sent to them during this ‘unprecedented’ final year at Primary School.

We have a request for clarification on bringing ‘gifts’ on Friday 17th July. If any parent wish to send in gifts on this day, we will place a table on the playground just inside the front small gate. If this could be done before 10:30 a.m. it would be gratefully appreciated.

Again, we fully appreciate your continued support and kind words. If you do have any questions or need clarification, please do not hesitate to email or phone the office.

Kind regards,

Mrs J L Stevenson