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Information for the Parents/Carers – School Summer Term Closure Friday 17th July

Dear parents and carers

Wednesday 1st July

I hope this letter finds you safe well. The summer term feels like it is passing by incredibly quickly. It is now 15 weeks since we were forced to close to the majority of our children.

As you all know, things have had to change significantly in school in order for us to safely accommodate the Year groups the government has instructed us to focus upon. This took a huge amount of work to achieve, with many adaptations made to our very large site and 200+ eligible children to accommodate. We now await the advice from government that will clarify what we will need to do to welcome back all children in September. School leaders up and down the country are naturally frustrated, as the clock ticks down, and we don't yet have these answers to share with you.

This will inevitably require more changes to safely manage. Once we have received the guidelines, we will need to carefully consider what this means for us all, and take and implement a further set of decisions that are in the best interests of our school community. Based on what we know and our experiences so far, this will require a significant amount of new work.

Our thoughts are therefore very much now on September; preparing the school, planning a recovery curriculum that is highly focused on pupil catch up and pupil wellbeing, as well as organising an achievable transition for all our existing pupils and welcoming all our new starters.

To achieve this, and to be able to fully respond to the guidelines when they arrive, we have taken the decision to **close the academy to all children in EYFS (Reception class bubbles), Year One and Year Six class bubbles, as well as to the children of Key Workers on Friday 17th July 3.20pm.** This is a couple of days earlier than originally stated in our term dates circulated at the beginning of the year. Government have just announced that Key Worker provision in school will now end and will not be provided over the summer

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holiday when schools close. We have provided this service to all eligible families who have requested it since March, existing **Key Worker provision arrangements will therefore no longer be available following the 17th July.**

Staff will not be on holiday following the closure to pupils but will be continuing to work hard throughout the following week to undertake the significant necessary work to prepare the academy for a return for all pupils, as well as being able to offer all children the opportunity to come into the academy and meet their new teachers. We will very shortly be sending out details to you, informing you of your child's new class teacher for September, as well as an invitation for you to come into the academy with your child for a socially distanced transition meeting with them in their new classroom. These meetings will take place WC: 20th July. Please look out for this information on DoJo in the coming days.

Staff will continue to keep in contact with you and will continue to do their best in school to provide the best end of term possible under these difficult arrangements.

As soon as we know more about September and any new arrangements required to comply with the governments regulations we will be in touch with you.

Yours Sincerely

D Kinsey

Headteacher