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Dear Parents/Carers,

Due to recent events, our usual transition support programme and processes are not able to go ahead as normal this year. Unfortunately, we are also not in a position where we are able to provide a timeframe for when pupils are likely to return to school as we are awaiting government guidance. However, we hope the remote activities that we have planned will help put your child (and you!) at ease and get them feeling as excited as we are for the new school year.

It is an unusual and challenging time, and we know you and your child might be feeling worried or anxious about the transition. We want to reassure you that plans are in place and we aim to provide you with all the information needed to make the transition as smooth as possible. In order to do this, we would appreciate you and your child's views so that we can adapt our practice and provide you with everything you need. We have provided a link below to a survey for you to complete so that we can better support you better during this time:

Survey link-<https://forms.gle/FDbBExj5K2HsdQfDA>

In the meantime, you can expect the following:

Work-pack transition Activities

The transition activities provided in your child's remote learning pack or on class dojo should support your child and prepare them for moving to their new year group.

Staffing Information, Welcome Videos and Leaflets

On **Wednesday 1st July**, the staffing list will be sent out via email so that you can see who your child's teacher will be from September 2020. This may be a familiar person or a member of staff who is new to the school. You will also receive a welcome video from your child's new teacher introducing themselves and talking about the new school year. This will be posted on the class dojo page. There will also be a leaflet for the children so that they can see photographs and information about the adults who will be working with them. Staffing, as always, has been carefully considered to meet the needs of individual pupils and the school.

Additional Information for Parents

On **Thursday 2nd July**, a parent transition presentation will be sent to you. It will also be available on the school website for each year group. The presentation will provide you with some information about the activities and expectations of your child's new year/phase.

Meetings via Zoom

In the last two weeks of term, there will also be an opportunity for your child to connect with their peers and current teacher via a Zoom meeting. This will provide an opportunity for children and staff to see each other, share thoughts about transition and have some fun. These meetings will be held after 4.30pm. This will allow the teachers of key worker bubbles and the

children of key workers to lead/join them too. We will send notification of timings and instructions for this shortly.

Phone calls

Once you have the above information, and you have had a chance to read or watch the transition materials supplied, your child's teacher (or an adult familiar to them) will call you to discuss any final concerns you or your child may have. They can also answer any final questions.

We look forward to connecting with you over the next four weeks of term, as we prepare for the new academic year. If you have any questions about your child's transition, please let us know by contacting your child's current teacher or by making a phone call to the school office.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but we will do everything possible to ensure your child has a smooth transition back to school when it is safe to do so. Though transition may be a bit different this year, we are still confident that it can be a positive experience for our pupils.

Yours faithfully

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