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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 Pupils

It is with real regret and sadness that I need to let you know that we will not be able to provide places for Year 6 children to come back to school this summer. As I have explained in previous letters this was never certain due to the need to provide for key worker, vulnerable, Year 1 and Reception children as priority first. Our key worker groups or 'bubbles' have increased again significantly in the last few weeks and they are continuing to grow. I know that for the children in Year 6 who were intending to come back (about 20 children) this may be particularly disappointing. Although, as a school, we have no choice in this matter, we can still try to provide the children with as good a transition period as possible and a sense of there being an 'end of year'. We have made the following plans and would like you to share them with you and the children.

Transition Over the Summer Term:

- Zoom calls will be taking place throughout the remainder of the half-term. The sessions will provide the children with the opportunity to talk with their teachers and classmates and discuss different elements of their transition in order to alleviate any concerns they may have.
- The Zoom calls will be scheduled so that all children have the opportunity to attend, including those at school in key worker groups during sessions after school
- Within their work packs, the children have been provided with tailored transition activities each week which will enable them to think about and discuss different elements of their transition with people at home and through ClassDojo.
- Children who are currently in the key worker bubbles will also be supported through their transition activities by members of staff within school.
- Information sharing with secondary schools has already been completed and includes information regarding pupils' academic abilities; individual support required; strengths and interests of the children; health and social wellbeing requirements particularly during transition.
- SEND information has been shared via our SENCO, Mrs Painter

Leavers Day – Friday 17th July:

1. 9:00am – A picture presentation will be shared on ClassDojo, celebrating their time at Northfield Manor Primary Academy from Reception up to Year 6. This will also be emailed out to parents.
2. 10:00am – A video from members of staff, celebrating their memories and good luck wishes, will be shared on ClassDojo.
3. 11:00am Onwards – We will be running activities through Zoom throughout the remainder of the day where the children can engage in games, quizzes and conversations with each other to celebrate their day (more details on this will follow).

End of the day – We will share a collage containing all of the graduation day pictures for pupils to keep as a memory of their final day at the school. (Preparation: During the last week of the half term, we would like all children to send a picture of themselves holding their graduation certificate (located at the back of their week 7 pack).

Reunion:

Instead of a Leavers' Party we would like to organise a reunion for our Year 6 children. This can take place once social distancing restrictions allow. Please ensure that you remain connected to ClassDojo once the academic year has ended so that we can inform you of the date and time of the event. We are hoping to hold this some time in the Autumn Term. We are looking forward to it.

This is not the end to the school year any of us would have chosen for Year 6, however we will try to make the children's end to their time at Northfield Manor as positive as possible.

Yours faithfully
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