



Friday, 18th June 2021

Dear Families,

Following the announcement from the Prime Minister on Monday 14th June, our Head Teachers have been considering the best way forward for the last few weeks of term. As you will be aware, we usually start to prepare our children and families for any September changes. This has become more difficult, and all leadership teams are considering what is safest for families and staff. We are aware that, should any cases of COVID-19 be reported, this will mean that families would have to self-isolate.

We do not want anyone to have to self-isolate at the start of the summer break. We owe this to our staff and families, as this has been an extremely tough year. We do not want our staff, who have worked tirelessly over the whole year and need a proper summer break, to find themselves isolating at home for 10 days. We feel the same for our families, who may have planned some time away.

Each Head Teacher will risk assess any activity that they are considering for families and make the best decisions for the whole academy community. This will include the activities that we would usually have at the end of the year including sports days, leavers' plays and any fund-raising activities. We are also considering the best way to provide opportunities for children to start getting ready for September including those starting a new school: in Reception, Juniors, Secondary or moving to a new class within an academy.

All of our Head Teachers met this week – both within the Trust and as part of a group with all Surrey Heath Head Teachers - and realised that, although we would all like to make the same decisions, individual decisions are required to take into consideration individual factors in each school. This will include the size and layout of the school, the numbers of children involved, the number of feeder nurseries and other specific local considerations. We would therefore ask you not to compare the slight differences that may be necessary to be put into place in individual settings and be assured that Head Teachers want the very best for all children and families.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

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