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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have reached the end of our academic year; a year that has experienced a number of COVID related disruptions for all of our school community.

Your children have been fantastic, taking changes in their stride and you have supported us - with sometimes very short notice regarding closures and positive cases.

At this time of year it is always sad to say good bye to our Year 6 children, many of them have been with us for 7 years. They all have an exciting future ahead of them and many opportunities – we wish them happiness and success in their future.

We can all now start to look forward to September, when we do not need to constantly think in terms of 'Bubbles' and isolating whole groups if a positive case is identified.

However, COVID restrictions have made us think about many of our old routines in new ways and going forward we will retain some of the changes we made.

PE - One such change was children coming to school dressed in their PE clothes on PE days – this has been beneficial in a number of ways and we will continue with this in September. Children have more time to participate in their lessons, instead of spending part of their lesson changing, and there is far less lost property in the school!

PE uniform is navy blue jogging bottoms, a plain white T-shirt and **plain white/plain black trainers or plimsolls**. They may wear a navy tracksuit top or their school jumper. Please do not send your children in with sports logos or expensive trainers.

Start of Day - Another change that we will continue with is the children arriving at school between 8.40 and 9.00 and entering the school immediately. This ensures a calm start to the day for the children and there is no need for parents to wait once their child is handed over to school staff at the gate.

Belongings-Children should not bring any bag other than their book bag and a lunch box to school.

All children need to bring a named bottle of water daily. The drinking fountains will still not be in operation initially in September. Children can also bring a piece of fruit to eat at morning play.

Lunch - Children will return to eating in the school hall.



All children should arrive at school between 8.40 and 9.00

Please do not bring your children to school late.

Home Time is 3.15 for all children.

| | Gate | PE Day |
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| Year 1 | KS1 gate-Bounces Rd | Tuesday Thursday |
| Year 2 | KS1 gate-Bounces Rd | Monday Friday |
| Year 3 | KS2 gate-Hertford Rd | Monday Tuesday |
| Year 4 | KS2 gate-Hertford Rd | Tuesday Wednesday |
| Year 5 | KS2 gate-Hertford Rd | Monday Thursday |
| Year 6 | KS1 gate-Bounces Rd | Wednesday Thursday |

Although we are able to make positive changes following Government guidance, we cannot ignore that COVID is still very much with us and will be in September. Therefore the children will continue with strict hand washing and sanitising on arrival at school and throughout the day.

Please support us by ensuring that you follow the Public Health advice to minimise coronavirus risks and **DO NOT** send your child to school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms – please take them for a PCR test and inform the school immediately.

If any guidance changes during the school holidays I will be in touch.

First day back for all children in Years 1 – 6 is Thursday 2nd September.

I hope you all have a restful summer and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Kind regards

Jackie Johnstone

Headteacher

*God of wisdom,
We thank you
for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year.
We praise you for giving us life,
for saving us in Christ,
and for choosing us to be your people.
As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude
for the good things you have done for us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the
work of this school.
We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace.
We praise you, God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Amen.*

