



Friday 26 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Plans for the week 13-17 July – Transition Week

Following on from the letter sent to you last week (17 June) I am now in a position to share with you the arrangements we will be putting in place for the final week of term ie the week commencing Monday 13 July. As mentioned previously, this week will look different to what is currently in place for the children not least to support transition arrangements and to say goodbye to our Year 6 children.

Nursery – Year 5 Inclusive

As in previous years, all staff and governors feel that it is very important for all the children in years Nursery to Year 5 to have an opportunity to meet their new teacher and to spend time in their new classroom before the summer holidays. Historically this has happened when the Year 6 children have attended a transition day at their secondary schools – at this stage we have shared with the younger children who their new teacher will be and they have spent time in their new classroom with their new teacher. I am sure you will understand that this year is different not least because Year 6 children are not having a transition day (see below). To facilitate transition plans for Nursery – Year 5 (and due to the current Government restrictions) we have had to make various adjustments to the current school schedule.

Year 6

As stated above, unfortunately due to the pandemic our Year 6 children will not be spending a transition day at their secondary schools. The Ashlyns Headmaster, James Shapland, has been in to talk to those children who will be starting at Ashlyns in September which has been well received by them. We will be arranging a leavers event for Year 6 children before the end of term but you will appreciate that with great regret we will not be able to invite parents to attend as this would breach the current Government guidelines. Should Government guidelines change we will of course communicate further with you.

Timetable for Transition Week Monday 13- Friday 17 July

Please note that there will be no key worker bubble in school this week to support transition arrangements. Please see the table below for details of the arrangements that will be in place.

	Year group in September 2020 - 2021	Bubble A: 9-11am	Bubble B: 1-3pm
Monday 13 July	Year 1 (current Reception) Year 2 (current Yr 1)		
Tuesday 14 July	Year 3 (current Yr 2) Year 4 (current Yr 3)		
Wednesday 15 July	Reception (current Nursery who have been allocated Greenway and children starting Greenway in September) Year 5 (current Yr 4) Year 6 (current Yr5)		
Thursday 16 July	Current Year 6 both bubbles	Timings and arrangements TBC	Timings and arrangements TBC
Friday 17 July	No children – Staff farewell to staff leaving/Preparations for new term		

Children will need to come to school as they are doing currently ie the same social distancing measures will still be in place, but they will only need to bring into school a water bottle and a snack for their transition session. Once the children have been in school for their transition session this will be their last day in school for this academic year. I will send a letter out the week before Transition Week introducing the new staff who will be joining Greenway in September and informing you of your child/ren new teacher for the next academic year.

I do appreciate that for working parents this is another change to the current schedule but trust that in giving you over a fortnight's notice this will give you a chance to plan ahead. I do hope you understand that in these challenging circumstances my main aim is to provide a transition session for each bubble, so that the children leave Greenway for the summer holidays having met their new teacher and knowing where their classroom will be for next year .

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Regards

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