

24<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear parents and carers of children in Reception to Year 5

It is sad that we have not been able to have all of our pupils learning in school before the end of this school year. However, we know that endings are important, as are transitions, to prepare children for their next step. Therefore, we would like to invite all of our children back for a face-to-face circle time session with their current teacher and their teacher for next year. This will enable every child to return to Branfil before the summer holiday, see some of their class mates again, say goodbye to their current teacher and meet their new teacher in person.

These sessions will be on days when only key worker children are in school (these children will join the relevant session with their current class). Each session will last for 45 minutes and will take place in groups of up to 15. Where possible they will be outdoors, on the playground and Garwood Court, but halls and classrooms will be ready for use as a wet weather contingency. Children and staff will maintain social distancing of 2m throughout the session; please ensure that your child knows that sharing a hug will not be possible.

Children do not need to wear uniform and they are encouraged to bring a water bottle and a cushion or small blanket to sit on if they wish. If it is a hot and sunny day, please make sure your child has sun cream applied, plus a hat with a brim or peak. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for your child to use the school toilets so please ensure they have used the toilet before leaving home.

At your allotted time, please wait with your child at the main gate on Cedar Avenue – social distancing markings are on the fence posts to help you to queue safely. Teachers will let your child in promptly and they will be returned to you from the same gate at the end of the 45-minute session. Please do not congregate and wait around the school gate during this time since other groups will be queuing and it is important that social distancing is maintained for all of our safety.

Teachers will tell you the day and time of your child's circle time session when they ring you over this fortnight. Unfortunately, due to the large numbers of children we will be coordinating, it will not be possible to change groups, dates and times.

These sessions are optional; we understand that some families may choose for their child not to attend due to their personal circumstances.

Please be aware that teachers will not ring children during the last fortnight of term since they will hopefully be seeing them in person for these sessions instead. I would also like to confirm that the last day for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 bubbles will be Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July or Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July (depending on the week the children are in school based on the rota). For our key worker bubbles, school finishes for the summer on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

We will look forward to welcoming many more of our children back to school for these sessions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sansom  
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