

NW/LR/Summer2

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of this year I will be sad not to have seen all of the pupils over the spring and summer term, to see them grow and mature and say goodbye as they leave to go on their next journeys. We have had too many opportunities taken from us in this period but I reflect and say that our health is the most important thing we have and we must protect this first.

It has been a strange time but many things have gone on to fill the space left by what would have been normality. We have run virtual careers events for Year 6 and 7 pupils, an in-house rite of passage for Year 6, Year 10 have had teaching each week to help support them through this period, the site works have continued meaning we will move across to phase 4 in October and finally all pupils have had regular contact with staff from school even if they have been at home.

This leads me to a number of thankyou's....

- Thank you to the parents and carers who have supported the children at home through this difficult period. You have been superb and you should all be very proud.
- Thank you to all of the staff who have contacted home each week to check on the children.
- Thank you to the children for your positive attitude and cheery comments to our staff when they contact. You have made them smile and upbeat.
- Thank you to all of the teachers for their sterling work setting and looking at work that we have sent home.
- Thank you to the support staff who have ensured that we have been able to do all that we need each day to help school work.
- A big thank you to the premises staff and cleaners who have made our site safe and clean on a daily basis so all of the above can happen.

We have a team of stars and I thank you all.



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Sadly, some staff will leave us over the summer and we will not be able to say our normal goodbyes but we wish they all well on their next steps. The staff leaving are Ellen Wilkinson, Shaheen Parekh, Michael Robertson, Kate Barlow, Rosanna Bowman, Harry Blackshields, Anais Mallet, David Mendham & Josh Turner. We wish you the very best in your future and please keep in touch.

We look forward to opening in September and moving to a new 'normal'. There will be some changes and variations but we will make this all work, keeping pupil and staff safety at the heart of all we do. I will be in contact with all parents and carers by post but also electronically over the summer to be able to welcome everyone in our school back on the week beginning 7th September.

Please have a safe, relaxing and happy summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best regards

Neil Wilkinson
Executive Headteacher



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