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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are no doubt aware, the goal posts have changed for moving out of Lockdown. Gloucestershire schools have now been issued with an update from the Local Authority (LA), in the light of the announcement by Boris Johnson on Monday. It is very disconcerting that cases in Stroud and the surrounding area are once again rising. It is equally worrying that cases of COVID are rising nationally. There are now reports of local schools having to close bubbles due to confirmed cases of COVID. As we are all aware, the threat of COVID is still very real.

In the light of all of the above, we will not be able to 'open up' in Term 6 in the way we had anticipated or hoped for. The message to schools is that we need to continue to be cautious and vigilant. The children can, of course, still spread the virus; a number of staff, and members of the community, will still be waiting for their vaccinations. Therefore, kindly note the following:

COVID symptoms and COVID Testing

If your child presents with any of the symptoms of COVID, we kindly request that your child stays at home and that you get your child tested. Please keep us posted. Naturally, we want to avoid closing a KS1 or KS2 bubble, especially as we go into the final phase of the academic year. We really don't want the children to miss out on the opportunities that present in June and July.

Face Coverings

Please continue to wear face masks at pick-ups and drop-offs, until further notice. This will help to provide some reassurance to parents and staff. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Sports Day

We really don't want the children to miss out (again) on the experience of a Sports Day. This is significant moment in the school's calendar and a very memorable event for the children. But in the light of the current restrictions, holding an event will present its own challenges. We are still awaiting confirmation as to whether this can go ahead. It is likely that it will, however, not be a public event. We will keep you posted.

Year 5/6 Production

This year we will be holding a production. It will take place in the hall. It will be slightly scaled down and will comprise Owls class alone. Parents from Year 5 (Weds 14th July) and Year 6 (Thursday 16th July) will be permitted to attend. A maximum of two tickets per child can be purchased. Tickets will need to be booked and paid for in advance, via parent pay (no cash can be accepted). Alas, due to the need to put



restrictions in place, we will not be able to provide admittance to parents of children in other year groups (i.e. Years Reception to Year 4). Children from across the school will have the opportunity to see a live performance, in a COVID secure environment, during the school day. They will not be permitted to attend during either of the two evening performances. A team of helpers is already working to support Miss Wykes to make this event as special as possible. If you wish to pledge your support, please do make contact.

Year 5/6 Residential

In line with LA advice, the Year 5/6 residential can take place. If your child is in Owls Class, you will have already received communication about the trip and further information will follow in due course.

Leavers' Assembly

You may recall that, last year, we had to conduct our Leavers' Assembly remotely. This year, due to the current restrictions, we will be able to hold a 'live' service on the last day of term (Wednesday 21st July) at 11.00am. However, we will need to operate in a COVID secure manner. The assembly is therefore only for children of Horsley Primary and the parents of Year 6 children. A maximum of two adults per Year 6 child will be permitted. 'Tickets' will need to be issued prior to the event. Whilst this is not ideal, it is progress. Once again, thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Move-up Morning

Scheduled for Friday 16th July, this annual event allows children to meet their new class teachers and classmates, spending a morning in their new classroom. Further information regarding class teachers will be announced in early July.

Reports

These will be handed out on Friday 16th July. Please look out for them in your child's book bag.

Last Day of Term

On the last day of Term (Wednesday 21th July) the school will close at 12:15 pm. There will be no school lunches available.

Thank you again, for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



Gary Price



