

Wednesday, 01 July 2020

## Arrangements for the end of the Summer Term and the Summer Holidays

Dear Parents and Carers

Further to the letter from Devon's Head of Education and Learning, Dawn Stabb, sent to you on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, I wanted to update you and share with you arrangements up to the end of the Summer Term for Highweek Primary School.

We will continue to remain open to key workers children and vulnerable pupils, plus the Government's selected year groups of Nursery, Reception, Yr.1 and Yr.6 until term ends. We will do this by continuing to follow the Government's requirements of organising small groups of children into bubbles. We are presently operating at full capacity for these year groups due to staffing and accommodation constraints and unless the Government criteria and guidance is further relaxed, it is unlikely that we will be able to admit any more pupils.

I appreciate that this is very disappointing for many of you who have not been able to access school for your children since lockdown in March. This is not the end of the summer term and end to the academic year that anyone would have wished. We are saddened and disappointed to have not seen all the children for so long. We have all missed out on so many experiences and traditions that are normally part of our school year. This has been exceptionally challenging and an unprecedented situation for us to manage and the staff have worked tirelessly to provide provision throughout the pandemic.

On **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July** we will be posting out your child's annual report to you and also informing you of which class your child will be in for the new academic year.

Our focus and aim is to reopen to all children at the beginning of the Autumn Term 2020. As I write this we are still unclear on what the arrangements will be for the new academic year and we are still awaiting more information and guidance from Government and the DfE. We will continue to keep you updated.

### End of Term

Summer Term 2020 will end for key workers pupils, vulnerable children and the above year groups on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**. This is a change to our previously published date.

On **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July** we would like to invite all Yr.6 back into school for the day so that we can say a special goodbye and good luck to them. We will be writing to send them a personal invite and to explain the arrangements of the day. We do hope all of them will join us.

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**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** the school will be closed to all children and we will be re-organising the school ready for the new academic year.

School will remain closed until the beginning of the new academic term on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**.

If you require **Summer Holiday Childcare** the Government has recently announced that 'wrap-around care for school age children and formal childcare will restart over the summer'. Carole Rogers hopes to run her Summer Holiday Club from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July, but is awaiting publication of Government guidance for providers, which is expected on 4<sup>th</sup> July, to see whether she is able to operate. She will confirm whether she is able to open or not as soon as she is able to. Other providers in the area can be found by visiting [Pinpoint](#) .

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