



Monday 29th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Transition arrangements for the new school year

All being well, schools will be able to reopen their doors to all children in September 2020. We are still awaiting to hear from the government about any further guidance schools will need to adhere to or whether it will be business as normal.

Assuming that all children will back at the same time, the school term will start on Monday 7th September 2020 as 3rd and 4th September will be INSET days.

To ease transition for all the children, particularly those who have not been in school since March, all the children will be moving up with at least one of their teachers.

This will mean that teachers will know the children really well (reducing any potential anxiety), will be able to assess their learning needs quickly and help them to catch up and start to make rapid progress.

For children currently in Year R moving to Year 1, they will remain in Diamonds Class and their teachers will continue to be Miss Moore on Mondays and Tuesdays and Miss Burrough on Wednesdays - Fridays. Mrs Tapster and Mrs Tompson-Smith will continue to support the children in Diamonds Class.

Children moving from Year 1 to Year 2 will move to Sapphires Class and be taught by Mrs Rose on Mondays – Wednesdays and Miss Moore on Thursdays and Fridays. Children moving from Year 2 to Year 3 will remain in Sapphires Class. Mrs Pinhorn will continue to support the children in this class.

Children moving from Year 3 to Year 4 will move to Pearls Class where they will be taught by Mrs Evans on Mondays - Wednesdays and Miss Green on Thursdays and Fridays. Children moving from Year 4 to Year 5 will remain in Pearls and Mrs Tweddle will continue to support children in this class.

Children moving from Year 5 to Year 6 will be taught in Emeralds Class by Mrs Carrick on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Holloway on Wednesdays-Fridays.

Under normal circumstances, we would have a couple of transfer sessions where the children would meet their new teacher and go to their new classroom. Because we are unable to do this, we will be offering a transition Zoom meeting where children will be invited to attend a group call to meet their new teachers and find out about all the exciting things that they can look forward to in their new class from September.

Teachers will be in touch to arrange a transition zoom group call in the coming weeks.

Year 6 Leavers farewell on Thursday 16th July at 2.30pm

We would like to give the current Year 6 leavers a proper farewell however it will look very different from our usual Leavers' Assembly. Depending on the rules for social distancing and the weather, I'd like to invite the parents and immediate family of Year 6 to attend a presentation of their Leaver's booklets on the meadow. The Year 6 children will also have something that they are preparing to show us too.

Unfortunately the rest of the school children will not be permitted to attend. Nearer the time, guidance may be clearer on social gatherings outside, therefore I will send out further details at a later date. I will be emailing Year 6 parents the slideshow that I'm currently preparing of each child's time at Buriton.

Your child's school report

Reports will be sent out on 14th July and will be from the period covering September to 20th March (start of lockdown).

Key Dates

End of term Friday 17th July **at 1.30pm**

Autumn term

School starts for Years 1- 6 on **Monday 7th September**

I hope you and your families are continuing to remain safe and well during this time and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Brown
Headteacher