



# BROAD CHALKE C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

As we move towards the end of this extraordinary school year I know this time continues to be challenging for many of our families. Our value this week is courage and as adults we often have to put on a brave face for the children. Please do have a look at our weekly online worship newsletter to think about the weekly value with your children or to watch the short video. There are also follow up ideas to reflect on the value of courage.

## Summer holidays

The government has said that they do not intend to ask schools to remain open over the summer period for vulnerable children or the children of critical workers. Wiltshire Council are currently collating an overview of the paid-for holiday provision available over the summer break for families that would like to access this. The booklet will be online and is likely to be updated as more providers finalise plans so once we have the details we will share them with you.

## Reports

A printed copy of your child's report will be ready for collection from **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. Reports will be handed out to pupils who are in school on that day. All the other reports will be put out each day on the table outside of school by the main office. If you wish to discuss your child's report with their class teacher, please email the class teacher using the same email address which you have been using to communicate during the period of lockdown. Questions may be able to be answered by email or it may be necessary to arrange a telephone consultation. Teachers are advised not to carry out multiple face to face meetings with parents at this time.

## Lunches

Please can parents of YR and Y1 children ensure that they pre-order the cooked meals needed until the end of term on ParentPay. If you do not pre-order you may be contacted to bring in a lunch box.

## Easing Restrictions

Maybe it's because the sun has been shining and restrictions are starting to lift but there really does seem to be hope (our value last week) that we will be getting back some of the freedoms which it was so easy to take for granted; we will certainly all appreciate those freedoms more now.

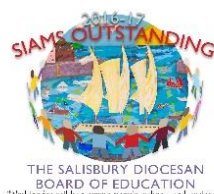
## Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5

Until the end of the summer term, we must still follow the guidance of 'bubbles of 15'. With 3 classes and now 2 key worker groups, we are using all of our classrooms and all of our staff who stay with a dedicated group. Unfortunately, this does not enable us to welcome back children from Y2, Y3, Y4 or Y5 because we do not have the capacity with either staff or classrooms. **The governors and I know that this will be disappointing but we have to work within the restrictions. However, please read on as we are able to offer Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 a transition day before the end of term.**

## From 6<sup>th</sup> July YR, Y1 and Y6

In line with national approaches to the easing of restrictions and updated advice, we have decided to have our children in **YR, Y1 and Y6 in 4 days a week from 6<sup>th</sup> July (every day except Wednesday)**. The two key worker bubbles (KS1 and KS2) will still be available 5 days a week. This will enable us to have up to 15 children in each classroom from 6<sup>th</sup> July whereas up until now we have had smaller numbers in each classroom. Each class will have their own toilets but they will be shared by the whole class as we do not have any alternative to this.

**We hope to see as many children as possible from these classes in school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July.**



### **Last day of term for YR, Y1, Y6 and key worker bubbles**

We have decided to make **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** the last day for YR, Y1, Y6 and the 2 key worker bubbles. This will enable us to offer some closure and some important transition time for Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 on **the remaining 2 days of term**. YR and Y1 will have some time in school before 17<sup>th</sup> July to meet with their new teachers for September. Please can children in YR, Y1, Y6 and the key worker bubbles bring a named plastic bag to take home all of their work from this school year. **If your child is not coming into school then please arrange to have their work collected on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> or Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.**

### **Leavers' Service for Y6**

We are all very sad that Y6 have inevitably missed out on so many things which are part of their right of passage at the end of Primary School. However, we still plan to hold a Leavers' Service with them in our school hall. Regrettably, we will not be able to invite parents but we hope to find a way to broadcast this and more details will follow on this for Y6 parents. The date of the Y6 Leavers' Service will be on their last day at Primary School – **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am**. Reverend Catherine is also able to attend. We would have liked to use the Church but the clergy are still awaiting details of how churches can reopen for public worship and it could be complicated. In order for us to plan and be in control of the environment, it is best for us to use our own hall.

We want to make this a special day for Y6. They can have their shirt signing and a picnic lunch. They will need to bring their own picnic but school will provide some extra treats to make it special. They will also have fun and games on their last afternoon.

### **Transition days for ALL Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 children**

In order to offer these year groups a transition day, we still have to keep children in groups of 15. We think it will be really important for them to see their teacher one last time as a class and then to spend time with their new teacher.

This will make it much easier in September so **PLEASE DO SEND YOUR CHILD IN.**

School uniform is required but trainers are ok.

Packed lunch, snack and water bottle required.

A named plastic bag to take home all of their work from this school year

Please can just 1 parent drop off and help their child to wait in a socially distanced line near to their normal classroom door at 9:30 and pickup from 3pm.

Children will be invited to enter one at a time via their normal classroom doors at 9.30, sanitise their hands and then we will split the children into 2 groups.

This is our plan for the transition days:

### **Year 2 and Year 4 day - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 9.30 – 3.00**

Year 2 in 2 groups using Class 2 and Class 3 to spend half a day with Mrs Moriarty and Mrs Dunford and half a day with Mrs Pickup – then swap groups

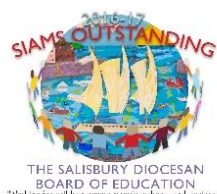
Year 4 in 2 groups using Class 4 and Class 5 to spend half a day with Mrs Shelley and half a day with Mrs Cadge and Mrs Rawlinson – then swap groups

### **Year 3 and Year 5 day – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 9.30 – 3.00**

Year 3 in 2 groups using Class 3 and Class 4 to spend half a day with Mrs Pickup and half a day with Mrs Shelley – then swap groups

Year 5 in 2 groups using Class 5 and Class 6 to spend half a day with Mrs Cadge and Mrs Rawlinson and half a day with Mr Howell – then swap groups

**PLEASE LET US KNOW BY EMAIL IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING THEIR TRANSITION DAY.**



## Free School Meals (FSM)

With thanks to the efforts of Marcus Rashford, families entitled to Free School Meals will now be provided with a voucher for £90 per child to cover the summer holidays. The deadline for registering for FSM in order to qualify for holiday provision is **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**.

## Bag2School

Please do drop off your bags of unwanted clothes anytime on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July in black bin bags and leave in the school entrance. This will help us to raise money for FOBS!

Bag2School accept the following '**good quality**' items and they have extended their list to include curtains, towels and bedding for RE-USE but reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items.

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen / curtains / towels / bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

## Bag2School **DO NOT** accept:

- *Duvets, blankets, pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and workwear*
- *Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*

## TD Days

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** remains a TD day and an important time for teachers to complete a handover about each child to aid transition for September.

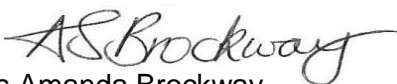
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September** is also a TD day for training and preparation time.

## From September - Bubbles of 30

The Prime Minister has said that from September all pupils will be expected back in school in bubbles of 30. **It will be fantastic to all be allowed to be back together in school.** Obviously, this means the whole class back together in one classroom, but there are still many questions for headteachers about the practical issues. We await further guidance on this but the most important thing for parents is that it appears that **all the children will be back in school full-time.** There are many details to be worked out and you may have questions, but please can I ask, rather than contacting the school at this time, please wait for us to send you the information.

We would usually be doing many exciting things in school at this point in the term. I feel a sense of loss for all those normal events but we we must have hope in the future and courage to face the challenges ahead. We would all love to have things back to normal with everyone here together but the road to recovery will take time. As ever, thank you to all the parents who are keeping the home learning going. If it's any consolation, the last couple of weeks of the summer term are often tough so keep it fun and manageable!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Amanda Brockway  
Headteacher

