

VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL
FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2020
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Message from Mr. Pavey

It has been an extremely busy end to the week with the Government producing its Guidance for how we are to open for all children in September. Whilst I am delighted that this information has been released well before September, they have instructed schools to have all plans in place by the end of term (17th July); this means that the next two weeks are going to be incredibly busy. The best news is that we will be able to see each other again on Thursday 3rd September when school will open.

Another announcement that was made was that child care for Key Workers would end at the end of term. This does mean that the normal school holiday club will definitely run however there will be a charge for this. We have had to adjust the times of this club to 8am until 5pm to meet the guidance for opening holiday clubs. If you want to book into holiday club please call Debbie on 07900701981. Costs are £17 per day for the first child; £15:30 for additional siblings; half days are also available.

There will be lots of information released before the end of term regarding how school will operate in September. These might include staggering start times, children using different entrances and staggered finishing times. These strategies will all be temporary measure to reduce the contacts that we all have. We will make sure that these arrangements are clearly published so that you are well prepared for all the changes. Just an early warning that I have agreed with the Chair of Governors to move the Teacher training day from 2nd November to the 2nd September so that the children return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2020.

On Thursday next week, the teachers will be sending out the end of year reports for all children. This will be done through Dojo or email and the report will be password protected with your child's date of birth (xx/xx/20XX). I know that many of you will be grateful for the report and enjoy reading it. The report will be a useful record of your child's time in school. I am aware that many people will wonder why we are writing reports when the children have not been in school for such a long time but this is a legal requirement. The teachers have spent a great deal of time preparing the reports and so if you do think that it is pointless, please don't be critical of the teacher – it is something that has to be done.

We will be engaging in some virtual transition work through Dojo or OneNote. In order to do this there is a lot of technical work to do transferring children to their new class teacher. In order to do this, there will be a pause in the On-line learning from Wednesday. The on-line learning will be back up and running from Monday 13th July but with your child's new class teacher. This means that Tuesday will be the last day of on-line learning with your child's current class teacher.

We hope to see everyone soon – take care!

If you need to contact school, please use the email address: vanerodparents@durhamlearning.net