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END OF TERM TRANSITION AND STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that everyone remains safe and well.

As we all know, this Summer Term has not been like others due to the unprecedented circumstances that we have found ourselves in. We are so proud of how everyone has embraced and adapted to the current arrangements so well, showing impressive resilience and positivity.

In normal circumstances, a number of transition events would have taken place in school during this period to prepare children for what lies ahead e.g. visits to school for new Reception starters, transition sessions in new classes, visits to new schools and leaving events for Year 4. Unfortunately, this has not been possible this year due to the situation.

As a school, we feel it is incredibly important that all of the children, whether they are currently able to be in school or not, have some opportunity for transition so that September can be a positive experience.

Therefore the following arrangements have been put in place:

- Reception new starters (who are not currently attending the Nursery group in school): visit to the Early Years classroom on Thursday 9th July 1.15pm to 2.30pm. All children attending will need to bring a snack and a labelled water bottle. Entrance is via the green gate to the outside area.
- Year 4 children: invited to attend school on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th July 9.30am to 2.30pm. This will enable the children to have time together as a group with Mrs Hedges, completing some transition activities and having some closure on their time at Himbleton. All children attending should come dressed appropriately for outdoor learning on both days. A packed lunch and a labelled water bottle will also be needed. On the afternoon of Thursday 16th July we will have a low key leaving celebration with the children; unfortunately risk assessments mean that, with regret, we are unable to invite parents to share in this due to the current situation. However, please be assured that we will endeavour to make it as memorable as possible for the children!
- KS1 class for 2020-21 (current Reception and Year 1 children): transition meeting via Zoom with Mrs Beattie and Miss Albutt on Friday 10th July at 3.30pm. The details for this meeting will be text to parents for security reasons.
- KS2 class for 2020-21 (current Year 2 and Year 3): transition meeting via Zoom with Mrs Hedges and Miss Albutt on Friday 10th July at 4.15pm. The details for this meeting will be text to parents for security reasons.

Please note: the above Zoom meetings will replace the weekly class meetings that have been taking place up until now. No Zoom meetings will be planned for Friday 17th July as this is the last day of term.

Further to the newsletter last week, I can confirm that class teaching staff arrangements in school from September will be as follows:

	Early Years:	Key Stage 1:	Key Stage 2:
Monday	Mrs Wallis	Mrs Beattie	Miss Albutt
Tuesday	Mrs Wallis	Mrs Beattie	Mrs Hedges
Wednesday	Mrs Wallis	Mrs Beattie	Mrs Hedges
Thursday	Mrs Wallis	Miss Albutt	Mrs Hedges
Friday	Mrs Wallis	Miss Albutt	Mrs Hedges

Please note: Miss Albutt will also work on Tuesdays to provide additional teaching capacity to enable focus on school improvement priorities.

Further to updated guidance for schools being released by the government yesterday, a detailed plan for how school will run in September is currently being finalised. This will be shared with you as soon as possible.

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to again thank you for all your support and hard work with your children over the past few months. I fully appreciate how everyone is managing unique situations and trying their best to negotiate many factors - I have so much admiration for everyone! As I've said before, our school values have certainly been shining through in so many different ways.

If you have any questions at all relating to the plans outlined above, please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

Mrs Martin