



20th May 2020

Good afternoon,

I just wanted to take a moment to update you in terms of where we are with Year 6 specifically as we approach the end of the academic year, and also their time with us here at Kibblesworth.

Transition is always a time of some anxiety for both pupils and parents, but I wanted to reassure you that we have been working with all of the Secondary schools our children will be transferring to, and all are putting resources and measures in place to ensure that your child's transition is as smooth as possible in these difficult times. We have carried out our transition meetings via video call and telephone to ensure that all schools are aware of what a fantastic group of students they are gaining in September. Transition work will continue for those students who are due to return to school in June, and I will make sure that those who are off site are not forgotten and the same opportunities are extended to them.

I know there are many questions around SATs and results for transition. Obviously there will be no SAT results this year, which in some ways is a real shame for the children who have worked hard and often enjoy the chance to show what they can do, but they should be comforted by the fact that the work they have done will stand them in good stead as they start their studies next year. As is the case every year, we still have teacher assessment which is passed up to the Secondary schools as part of the information they require to support transition. We will be reporting these judgements as usual in our end of year reports, and although we have not had any national guidance, I would imagine they will take the form of working towards age related, in line with age related, and above age related expectations. These judgements will be made for mathematics, reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar, and writing. Please do remember that an early indication of your child's attainment can be found in your parents' night email which was sent out around Easter.

I am also aware that we have lots of clerical issues to resolve around residential payments and also outstanding balances on Parent Pay. Please bear with us on this and we will ensure that all monies are returned to you as quickly as possible. Mr Etherington and Mrs Fairlamb are preparing to refund parent pay balances immediately as we do not envisage any after school clubs or breakfast club provision in the final half term. We will also start to refund all residential monies, although we are currently working with the residential provider as we do not want to be the ones to cancel the residential as this will remove all possibility of us recouping the deposit. Please email kenetherington@kibblesworthacademy.org.uk and he will start the refund process.

Questions have also arisen around the end of year celebrations for Year 6, such as the leavers' service, assembly and awards. Although no definite decisions will be made at this time, I think we need to prepare ourselves for the possibility that most if not all of these events will need to be cancelled for this year. Although incredibly disappointing for everyone, the need to socially distance and reduce the footfall in the current climate would make these events impossible to hold. Having said that, we will continue to review the situation, and will also explore how we can mark the end of the year virtually or in some other way. We will also look to do something with our current Year 6 cohort in the new school year when things have hopefully returned to some level of normality.

On a more positive note, the leaver's hoodies are now in school thanks to the kind donation from the Friends of Kibblesworth Academy, and we will look to get these to everyone as soon as we can.

I do hope that we can do something, virtually or otherwise, to mark the end of the children's Primary school career, and in the meantime, please stay safe and obviously alert!

Best wishes.

Craig Steel

Head Teacher