



14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

WPS Update

Good afternoon everyone.

Our final week of the Summer term is well underway and there are so many events we would have been enjoying if it wasn't for COVID-19. We are still required to be operating in a COVID-19 safe manner and despite the wider relaxation of measures in wider society the DFE guidance remains in place for schools. The impact of this on our transition and other activities such as move up day has required different approaches. We do hope the information and contact regarding this will have been useful.

It is of particular impact that I must reflect on regarding our Year 6 leavers and Class of 2020. Our plans to celebrate Year 6 and their leaving Primary School will be memorable but different this year. The Government guidance is being followed in relation to ensuring our plans are COVID-19 safe – something we have consistently applied throughout this time. Given this we are not able to have Parents and Carers join us as we would normally have done – this would constitute a mass gathering. This is devastating for me and I know incredibly disappointing for all concerned. However, the health and safety of our children, staff or visitors remains to be paramount. Any divergence from Government guidelines would be vigorously investigated via Health Protection England - Test and Trace. Further advice has been repeatedly sought from the LA and the guidance remains:

*It is against the law for gatherings of more than 30 people to take place in private homes (including gardens and other outdoor spaces). **Businesses and venues following COVID-19 Secure guidelines can host larger groups provided they comply with the law. This can include weddings and funerals (which we advise should be limited to no more than 30 people)**, religious ceremonies and services, community activities and support groups.*

I know the Year 6 staff have planned a memorable day for our Year 6 pupils to enjoy whilst remaining in their Bubbles of 15. I wish to re-assure everyone concerned that we have looked into this in significant detail.

The Premier Sport – Summer Holiday Camp offer has been shared with you: [premier-education.com/holidaycamps](http://premier-education.com/holidaycamps). All correspondence and follow up should be directed to Premier Sport as they are operating this provision: Daniel French at [dfrench@premier-education.com](mailto:dfrench@premier-education.com). I hope this may be of interest and assistance for you.

A letter from Jonathan Lewis – Director of Children's Services Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has been shared for your information. This provides the context and background to our wider planning and consideration. I am working with Mrs Simmons to ensure the new guidance is applied to WPS's plans for the start in September and a full return for all pupils. We will be completing this over the course of the next few days and aim to share this by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

On a personal note my last days as Headteacher at WPS have naturally provided opportunities for reflection on what I never imagined would be 14 years. I am so proud of Team WPS - the children, our Staff and wider school family. It is very saddening for me to not be able to give in person a final farewell given the current situation. I do however hold on to the many fantastic memories that I have been fortunate to part of. Whilst these are not my final words of farewell I would like to thank you all for working with me and our amazing Team. We always strive to achieve the very best outcomes and working together enables valuable and essential partnership.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher