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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well and that you are managing to stay positive in the present circumstances.

I'd like to start by congratulating all the children who have been in school for their exemplary behaviour and for adapting so well to the very different school life they are facing at the moment. Thank you too, to you as parents for preparing them so well and for supporting the amendments made to arrangements for being on the school site, to keep everybody safe.

I'd also like to congratulate all the children who are continuing to work hard and engage with the topics and work set on the school website through home schooling. Staff will continue to respond to work sent in as soon as possible. There has been some amazing work completed, in all sorts of ways and our vision of 'Every Child Shines', has never been so true. Thank you parents for continuing to support your children in accessing their learning, it must be very difficult whilst working from home or if you have sent a sibling into school.

In terms of the wider opening of the school, which the Government mentioned a few weeks ago, the Government seem to have finally concluded that it is impossible to have all children back in school under the current distancing measures. Of course, at the moment with those distancing measures in place, we would not be able to have any more than half of the pupils in school, as class sizes cannot currently exceed 15. Therefore, it is highly likely that a significant number of pupils will return in September. As I say I will continue to provide any information as I receive it and how we as a school community will operate under those changing conditions.

With just over 6 weeks left of the school term we have made some firm decisions with regards to certain aspects of school life that I would like to inform you about.

Reports

We will be sending out your child's school report on **Friday 12th June** via a password protected email. This will come either through schoolreports@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk or schoolcomms, which will also detail how to access the password protected file. Please look out for this and contact us if it has not arrived by 4.00pm on Friday. The report will be a reflection of how the children have performed in school in the first two terms of the academic year, as I'm sure you'll understand that it is very difficult to comment on their ongoing progress from a distance. Accompanying the report will be an email which provides a link. This is for you to confirm receipt of the report and make comment. **It is vital that you complete this** in order that we know you have received and read the report.



Last day of Term

The media has occasionally mentioned the possibility of children being in school during the summer holidays. Again we have no information regarding this and we have no plans to open during this time.

It is our intention to finish the school term on Tuesday 21st July for all year groups with the exception of Year 6.

As I'm sure you can imagine it has been a difficult time for our Year 6 pupils. To have had so much cancelled that they have been looking forward to must be very disappointing for them.

Consequently on **Wednesday 22nd July** Year 6 pupils will have a very special day in school to help them celebrate their time at All Saints'. More details about the day will follow from the Year 6 team but I know it will be a day to remember.

Wednesday 22nd July will also be a day to support the transition of new starters into school, again further details will go out to parents of new starters around these arrangements, who will today be receiving videos about transition into school and will receive confirmation of arrangements by Friday 12th June.

New Classes

A letter will be sent to parents on **Wednesday 8th July**, explaining the staffing arrangements for the next academic year and confirming your child's teacher. Of course we are not able to mix with different groups of children under current conditions and so consequently each teacher will produce a video to introduce themselves to their new class so that you can help support their transition. This will take place of the 'Meet the Teacher' morning we usually have in school.

School Events

As previously mentioned a number of school events have had to be cancelled. These have included the Summer Fete, Sports Day and Leavers service and assembly. This is of course still the case.

Thank you for your ongoing support, if you have any further questions please do contact the school office and I will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

Kind regards

PJBrown

Mr Philip Brown
Headteacher