



Edgewood Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I have had a number of emails asking questions and voicing parents' disappointment in that we will not be having all of our Year 6 children back in school in June and July. Parents have also voiced concerns that children will miss out on productions, leavers' assembly, end of year parties etc. and also their transition days to secondary schools.

We have worked hard to try and look at which, if any of these can take place, but unfortunately the DfE guidance on many of these is clear.

Whether children are in the building or not, the DfE have advised that there should be:

- No transition visits to secondary schools.
- No assemblies for whole or part school.
- Any assemblies or events where parents are invited into the building.
- No parties or large gatherings in or out of school which may breach social distancing.
- No mixing of children between bubbles.

The DfE have also been clear that we should prioritise the safety of everyone at school and then look at prioritising provision in the following order:

1. Key worker and vulnerable pupils
2. Nursery age children
3. Reception age children
4. Year 1
5. Year 6

All of this would mean that, even if we opened to some Year 6s, not all would have been in at once and the bubbles of separate Year 6s would not have been able to mix at any point during the day.

Transition to secondary school

Having spoken to representatives from both schools, they have confirmed that they will not be holding any face to face transition visits for year 6 children in line with the government guidance.

They have told me that they are looking at adapting the way children start in September to help with this. A letter from your child's new school should have been sent directly to you outlining their plans.

At Edgewood we are currently looking at what else we can do to support your child's provision remotely if we are unable to get them in to the school building at any time before the summer holidays.



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End of year traditions

We are incredibly disappointed that we are not able to offer the usual leavers assemblies, parties, productions etc. that the staff and children usually work so hard to organise and deliver this year as we usually do. This situation is completely beyond our control and to ensure the children get the 'leaver's experience' as best they can, we are hoping to set a date in September to invite the children back into school for a leavers' assembly and party so that they can say goodbye to staff and their friends, if or when the government guidance will allow it.

Leavers' hoodies

Unfortunately the class and leavers photographs scheduled for 8th June have had to be cancelled. The children would usually receive their hoodies on this day for the photographs and then take them home afterwards. We have arranged for hoodies to be collected a before this on the week commencing 1st June in a socially distanced way. We will be sending texts giving you a timeslot for the collection of your hoodie from school. Please arrive only at your designated time. When you arrive at school please ring the reception bell and stand at the red screen halfway up the main path. A member of staff will then bring your hoodie and place it on a chair for you to collect once they are back inside.

I know this is not how you, your child or any of us at Edgewood would have liked the current Year 6s' time at our school to finish but these unprecedented times are unfortunately meaning there are many things we cherish that are not possible at the moment.

If circumstances change we will look at whether we can alter any of this for the Year 6 pupils but at present this is the only option open to us at school within our own risk assessment, government and local authority classrooms.

Yours faithfully,

Ed Seeley

Head teacher.