



Ref: EndofYearProcedures/KNY/wlr

13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As the rates of Covid continue to reduce in Halton and Nationally we are able to loosen some of the requirements and safeguards we have in place. We are not in a position to return completely to the level of flow that we enjoyed pre-pandemic, however we can begin to make a few changes to support our Primary Pupils.

After half term, the following changes will take place:

### Home Time

We will only have 2 exit times for the main body of Primary Pupils. These will be:

- 2.45pm for pupils who go home with a secondary sibling from TGA or who are the only child at TGA
- 2.55pm for Primary aged pupils with a sibling in the Primary phase.

The start of the day will remain the same. Pupils should arrive between **8.40am and 8.50pm**. We respectfully ask that parents and carers still wear their face masks on and around the Plaza. This rule has not loosened yet and adults are still expected to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing.

### Break Times

We will continue to have separate break and lunch times as this allows more space for pupils. However, we will be exploring the use of the large field at the back of school so that pupils can mix more freely and have plenty of space. This will be weather permitting of course.

### Equipment and Books

We will continue to provide pupils with the equipment they need during the day and will expect pupils to access the reading materials available on Myon and Oxford Reading Buddy. Pupils are expected to read for a minimum of 3 times a week for only 5 minutes. If they can do more then this is fantastic. We will not yet be sending equipment or books back and forth from school to home to reduce the risk of contamination. We ask that you support us with this system. We have real books in school that the children access linked to their phonics and comprehension levels.

### Year 6 End of School Procedures

Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold our traditional Leaving Play or Assemblies this year for parents. Having so many people together in a space is not appropriate yet. Year 6 have had the opportunity to purchase their leaving sweatshirt and after half term they are invited to wear them to school each Friday. We are looking at a day trip for Year 6 or some form of celebration that we will hold in school to mark the end of their primary school life. The staff are also planning something that we can film and share with parents which will involve our Year 6 pupils.

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## **Sports Day**

We will not be able to invite parents to join us for Sports Day this year but we will still hold events for the pupils. Miss Harrison is planning the days already. It looks like we may have a number of Sports Days so that we can spread out, share and clean equipment, have fun and stay safe. We will do it, it's just going to take some planning! We will add lots of pictures to Twitter and Facebook etc for you all. I know it is not the same as being present but if it means we can have a Sports Day then fantastic!

## **Reports**

Staff are beginning to prepare end of year reports. These should be with you in July. As always however, if you need any information before then, please speak to one of our staff.

## **Transition Days**

We are beginning to plan the classes for next year. Staffing will remain stable, however, there will be a few changes as some staff want a new challenge and consideration will be given to the change of pupils' needs. I do intend to shuffle the classes this year as this means new friendships can be made and difficult relationships gain a break. We will send you an opportunity via SeeSaw to share your thoughts on pupil moves but cannot guarantee any requests that are made as there will be a number of factors that will need to be used to assign classes. I will however listen and explain.

## **The Happy at School Project**

We have begun a fantastic wellbeing project in school. Working with Christina Mitchell, we are exploring mental health and wellbeing in a fun, positive and incredibly effective way. The children may have begun to share with you terms such as 'smiles in my tummy', 'sunshine in my brain', 'the pig of happiness', 'super selfer', 'the bell of awesomeness' and many more terms! The children and staff are on board and seeing a difference in how we all feel, how we cope and react and how we deal with problems. Soon we will be offering an opportunity to parents to get involved with Cristina and hear how The Happy at School Project can work at home too. Watch out and be brave and come and join us when we do the parents sessions.

Thank you so much for the support you have given the staff over the last year. It has been incredibly stressful for everyone but we have always held the safety of pupils, staff and families central to all we have tried to do.

Yours faithfully



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