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Dear Parents, Carers

Overview for the remaining weeks in school

Regrettably, bubble closures have continued to cause disruption across schools over the last few weeks and we are informed on a daily basis of schools in Sefton closing classes. There will be situations where lateral flow tests show positive readings and when the school is informed we will not hesitate to close a bubble. Our expectation remains that the family reporting a case will go and get a PCR test to confirm the accuracy of the lateral flow result. This is critical as it can minimise the length of a bubble closure (as happened in relation to the Nursery earlier in the week).

First Communion Year Five

We will be thinking and praying for our children in Year Five who will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time at Masses at St Edmund's Church on Friday 2nd July at 4.00pm and Saturday 3rd July at 12 noon. Our thanks go to Fr Dominic and the parish catechists who have prepared them for a most significant time in their journey of faith. Parents of Y5 children who are making their First Communion on Friday 2nd July will be permitted to collect their children at the earlier time of 2.00pm. Please come to the school reception foyer if you wish to collect your child then.

Reception Induction Meeting

Many thanks to all the parents and staff who were involved in the online Reception Parents Induction Zoom meeting. School packs are still available in the foyer for those who have not collected them. Staff will be making telephone calls with nurseries over the next few weeks. Reception children and their parents only will be invited into school to see their classrooms on 1st or 2nd of September and an invitation will be sent out to these parents shortly.

Photographs

Your child should have taken home their class photograph this week and you will have order information if you wish to purchase them from Tempest. Please return any orders by next Friday 2nd July.

Annual Reports

School will be publishing a second written progress report in an 'extraordinary' year and you will receive this on Friday 16th July. There will be an opportunity on Monday 19th July (3.15 – 5.00pm) if you wish to discuss any matters in relation to the report. Please inform the office if you would like a call.

Sports Day

Regrettably, we are unable to invite parents to a traditional sports day and so the children will complete competitive sports activities in their bubbles towards the last week of term..Again, schools have been placed in an unenviable position with regard to this matter and will be subject to criticism in the media for whichever way they respond. I believe we are very

much in line with our local schools who still take risk management seriously and are very aware of their responsibilities. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

New Classes and Transition

We will be starting to consider composition of new classes soon but we will not be having inter class transition in the traditional way; ie (children moving around the school to their new classroom on a transition morning). You will be informed which class your child will transfer to and who will be their new teacher next year when these arrangements are completed.

Year Six Leavers

Our Year Six children were due to go up to their secondary schools on 7th July This was to be their transition day and naturally this has had to be cancelled with so many bubble closures across the secondary sector too.

Our school has planned a Y6 Leavers Open Air Afternoon Festival for 13th July 2.15pm -4.15pm. there will be a contingency date of 15th in case of rainy weather. A letter will go out to all Year Six parents next week.

Reminder

School finishes on the earlier date of **Tuesday 20th July at 1.30pm** as we have significant reorganisation of classrooms and a relocation of the Nursery

Sports Clubs

The last session of after school sport clubs will be 16th July

Yours sincerely,



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