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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are unable to move to the next stage of the government road map, we will no longer be holding our usual summer events for parents or visitors.

We will be going ahead with Sports Day this term but as the Department for Education guidelines limit numbers we will not be able to have any parent/carer spectators. We will make sure that all the children have lots of fun on the day and take lots of photos and videos which we will share with you on Class Dojo.

We understand there may be disappointment and a little confusion given some of the events that are being allowed to go ahead, please understand we are just as frustrated as you are, and we are only following Government Guidance.

As Year 6 are already in their own bubble we will arrange our own 'leavers' events to make the day special and memorable. The Leavers Service will be broadcast live over Zoom.

As you may be aware, positive cases have recently been reported at the local secondary school and a local pre-school. We want to ensure we keep our school community as safe as possible whilst following the DfE recommendations.

The Department for Education have also sent schools the following information: *It is our priority that all education and childcare settings deliver face-to-face, high quality provision to all children and students. At a time when further easing of restrictions has been paused, the current system of controls should continue to be implemented in education and childcare settings.*

This means that traditional transitional and open days are unlikely to be feasible this academic year but we are keen not to restrict individual settings from designing events which maintain the integrity of bubbles or consistent groups, and adhere to the system of controls in place.

The advice from the Unions, that many staff members are members of, states the following:

Act cautiously on end-of-year events. With new DfE advice discouraging indoor summer events, we are urging care around any outdoor events, with distancing and security of bubbles best achieved through

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separate events for each bubble. Induction and open events will be most safely managed on-line. **National Education Union, GMB Union, Unison and Unite**

We will ensure that all our events are shared with you and the children will still take part in every school event that they would normally be involved with in the summer term, but with some restrictions on visitors due to Covid-19.

Yours sincerely,

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