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Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 6 Update – letter 20

End of Term Change of date

We have taken the decision in conjunction with the Area Education Officer and Chair of Governors that the last day of term for the school will be Friday 17th July. We will be using the two days (Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st) to set up classes and allow class teams the time they need to set up classrooms, resources, schedules, reading through care plans, and for tidying rooms that haven't been in use. There is also planning to be completed and training that was previously scheduled for the training day on June 1st.

You may be aware that there is now an expectation from the Government that schools fully reopen from September 1st and we are now busily making plans for this to happen. In order for us to be ready to receive students back on 2nd September we need this time to ensure everything is ready.

From the 2nd September we will be 'popping' the current bubbles and we will revert back to our normal class setups with classes becoming their own bubbles. The class groups will be the new classes that were sent out last week. There will still be significant challenges with regards to social distancing that cannot be overcome within a special school environment and we will minimise these risks as much as possible.

The DfE have confirmed that there is no expectation that schools should open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers over the summer holiday, and school staff need this valuable time to recharge and rest before September.

Transition planning – We will be sending out a letter at the beginning of next week explaining the transition processes we will be putting in place, but please feel free to make requests to class teachers if you require anything more bespoke. Please be reassured that teachers and teams are working incredibly hard to ensure that the September transition runs as smoothly as possible. We have considered alternative transition arrangements but have decided that this is the best direction to take.

Please note that we are putting these plans in to place as we are nearing the end of term. We are awaiting official guidance regarding special schools from the LA which may change our current position and expectations.

You may decide that coming back to school full time from September will be too much for your child, I would therefore ask that you contact either Sam or Michelle if you would like a planned phased return back to school.

We have an expectation that all students will return to school from 2nd September, but if you are not planning on sending your child back to school please contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. Jarred', written in a dark ink.

Scott Jarred – Headteacher