



Dear Welton Family,

As we begin to think about the end of a very tough year, we would like to update you on the school's proposals for the end of year events and procedures. All these processes have been planned with reference to the most UpToDate advice from the DFE, Local Public Health England team and Local Authority advice. The emphasis is very much on doing everything possible now to promote the changes of normality in September. You will be aware that in the region, schools are closing to Year Groups and bubbles again, so we are not ready to relax measures of control just yet.

We know that the new variant is significantly more spreadable, even outside, particularly amongst unvaccinated adults and amongst children. We have been advised not to do anything that could risk worsening the levels of transmission.

We have had two plans for the end of year, one that relaxed control measures and one that maintained them, unfortunately we are implementing the plan that maintains all the measures of control. We know how disappointing this is and we wish things could be different. Having spoken to many Head teacher we are aware that our approaches are the same as most but not all. We genuinely believe we are doing the right thing to keep us all safe and prevent class closures at the end of term. Thank you very much for the support you continue to offer the school community.

A summary of events can be found below, more details will be sent in separate communications:

Sports Events

We will be holding sports events for children in their bubbles, but these will be closed events for the children only.

Transition

Hopefully, the children will spend a short session, outdoors, with their new class teacher on Friday 16th July. If the weather does not allow this, we may not be able to go ahead, and welcome videos will be made instead. We will inform you of the new classes. Please remember that all the classes are re-organised each year to address any imbalance of need and dynamic.

Parent Briefing

The teachers will hold Year Group presentations on Monday 19th July at 6pm via zoom.

Year 6 Leavers

- We were able to support the purchase of Leaver's Hoodies by contributing 50% of the purchase price. Thank you to the FOWS for their hard work in raising these funds.
- The children will be making a special a leavers' video to share with parents and family.
- The children will have a special afternoon where they will have a picnic and enjoy some activities.
- If the children chose to wear a suitable shirt on a designated day, they will be able to have that shirt signed by their year group.

Virtual Big Sing

On 1st July the whole school will participate in national event singing songs with schools from around the UK. Leading the singing will be Professor Green, Gabriele, Aston Merrygold, Nathan Evans and Becky Hill.



End of Year Reports

Reports will be emailed to parents on Friday 9th July.

End of year thank you

We will be unable to accept gifts in school again, especially as the new variant is so much more transmissible and we do not have the space to safely quarantine gifts. We would be grateful if everyone would help protect the safety and wellbeing of the community by respecting this measure. There is a useful site where you can send free thank you cards to school staff if you are interested:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>