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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing the final letter of this term, prior to closing for the summer. School has been closed to many but it has also been open since mid-March to the children of key workers and more recently open to some year groups. I know this has been a difficult time for many families. I would like to thank staff during this time who have done a fantastic job in adjusting to a different way of working.

Today we will close for the summer holiday break. We are not opening during the summer to allow for summer cleaning and maintenance work to be done.

I would like to wish good luck to all of our year 6 pupils who sadly cannot have the usual end of primary celebrations. There are many things that are different at the moment and saying goodbye to our leavers is certainly something that I will miss.

Children who are moving to the next year group will receive letters telling them about initial arrangements for their new classes. These letters will come immediately before school opens again on Wednesday 2nd September. I am also hopeful that we can invite you to a "Meet the Teacher" event in the first few weeks, which we can operate in a socially distanced manner. In the meantime I will write some of the changed arrangements below:

- Only one parent to be dropping off and picking up to limit congestion.
- There will be a staggered start time in to school from 8.30 – 9.00am.
- School will finish at the normal times for Year 4 to Year 6 but we will operate a staggered finish for younger children where classroom doors open directly to the playgrounds. This will start from 2.55pm.
- Gates will be opened earlier at the end of the school day to prevent congestion.
- Parents will be asked to wait near the exit points but not to crowd them.
- Parents of older children are asked to consider allowing children to walk by themselves to and from school.
- During lunchtimes we will make different arrangements to ensure that children are not mixing with others from beyond their year group.
- Children will be allocated different parts of the playground to keep them, as much as possible, within their year group.

I would like to thank you all for your support during these very strange times. Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards

J Grant

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