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Head of School Mrs S Sullivan

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Term 6 and New Academic Year 2020/2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to contact you in response to the government announcements recently that not all children will return to school before the end of the academic year. However, in September there is an expectation that all children will be back in school and I sincerely hope this is the case – we await an announcement later this week. As you can imagine, myself and the staff were saddened that we have been unable to welcome all children back before the summer break but, we also understand the reasons behind it and fully support the decision.

As a school, we would like to reassure you that our levels of communication, online learning platform and support for all families will continue throughout term 6. We now have a quarter of children in school 'bubbles,' and it has been fantastic to see the response from staff and pupils having children back in the building. September seems a long way off and we are already drafting plans in order to welcome back all of our pupils and our new Year R. As soon as we have a workable plan within the present Government guidelines, we will share this with you. However, as many of you are aware the guidelines change frequently.

With the summer holidays almost upon us, it is vital that all children are engaging with some form of learning. As a school we are asking teachers to put together a 'summer learning' package of activities and online learning, that you can access if you so wish. We always expect a small plateau in progress over the summer holidays, but there is a danger that this will be larger if work fatigue sets in now. We would like all children to continue to produce work regularly and engage with their year group, where possible. We have had very high levels of engagement and I am reassured by the levels of interactions and work being produced by a large proportion of families.

We have had around 85% of children producing work regularly and consistently, which is a huge achievement and makes the school team incredibly proud. So thank you all for continuing to encourage your children to learn.

Transition

We have been working with the nurseries to support transition for our new Reception children and they should now have received a social story, books, paperwork and information for September. If you have any further queries, please contact the school office at office@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk

We have plans to celebrate and remember our Year 6 children leaving this year. Please keep an eye out for emails regarding this. We will be giving opportunities to share stories, work and photos towards the end of July. It is with great sadness that we will not be able to have all the children together for a final time. They have been an important part of our school for 7 years and they will be greatly missed.

We are also working on plans to ensure a smooth transition for all children in September. However, at this time we are unable to share this as guidance is forever changing and we have to respond to the guidelines. Of course, the team are already working really hard at laying the foundations for the children to have the most effective transition we can offer. We have plans in place but unfortunately, nothing can be confirmed until we get further guidance from the government.

Staffing 2020/2021

As we get closer to the end of term I wanted to write and confirm our staffing roles for September:

School Leadership		
Executive Headteacher		Mr Iain Witts
Head of School		Mrs Sue Sullivan
Assistant Head/SendCo		Mrs Amanda Love
English Hub/EYFS/KS1 Leader		Mrs Steph Savage
Curriculum/KS2 Leader		Miss Laura Howling
Class Teachers		
Classes 2019	Classes September 2020	Teacher
	RH	Mrs Hayward
	RG	Miss Gore
RG	1B	Mrs Bate
RH	1A	Mrs Amos
1A	2G	Mrs Green
1B	2S	Miss Stonehouse
2G	3C	Mr Clark
2S	3T	Mr Taylor
3T	4DF	Mrs Doinik/Mr Fenna
3C	4H	Miss Howard
4H	5R	Mrs Riseley
4C/D	5H	Miss Howling/Mr Chittenden-Pile
5R	6H	Miss Harris
5H	6M	Mrs Mobbs
Cover Supervisors		Miss Morrell Mr Chittenden-Pile Mrs Lakanu
Administration		
Office Manager		Miss Alison Smith
Finance Officer		Miss Melissa Fellows
Office Administrator		Mrs Kat McNeil
Family Liaison Officer		Mrs Paula Rich
English Hub Administrator		Mrs Gemma Tree
Librarian/Resources		Mrs Sylvie Syrett
Site Manager		Mr Richard Everett
Caretaker/Lettings		Mr Brandon Clifton-Day
First Aid Assistant		Mrs Wendy Moat
First Aid Admin		Miss Sarah Gorham

I am delighted to say that we are not saying farewell to anyone this academic year. Apart from our two wonderful Schools Direct Student Teachers, Miss Ewart and Mrs Hobby. Both I am pleased to say, have passed their training and are now 'qualified teachers' and they have both got new and exciting teaching jobs from September. We wish them well with their new careers and thank them for all their hard work and commitment to Kingsnorth School this year.

Finally....

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic, committed staff team, who have worked tirelessly through this extremely challenging time. There are many things to be positive about and I have nothing but praise for our wonderful staff who have worked throughout this period, including their holidays, both at home and at school. This I know will continue in the coming weeks as we prepare for the summer break. I am so proud of all that has been achieved; proud of the response from children, parents and staff. It is what makes our Kingsnorth school community special and underpins our school values.

Best Wishes,
Keep Well Keep Safe!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sue Sullivan
Head of School.