

### **Term 6 2020/2021**

We wanted to contact you in response to the government announcement earlier this week and the news that not all children will be back in to school before the end of the academic year.

As you can imagine, we were saddened to hear this news but we fully understand the rationale behind it and fully support the decision. We would like to reassure you that our communication, online learning and support for all families will continue throughout Term 6.

We now have 20% of children in school ‘bubbles,’ and it has been a joy to have more children back in the building. We cannot give you any further information regarding September, as we, as school leaders, also hear the news with the rest of the country through the Government Briefings, but as soon as we know, we will share our plans with you all.

As the summer holidays have not yet started, it is vital that all children are engaging with some form of learning, either formally (in conjunction with the school expectations and online offering) or informally (creating your own content) until we ‘break up’ from school officially on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

We always expect a plateau of progress over the summer holidays, but there is a danger that this will be larger if work fatigue sets in now. I am however, reassured by the levels of interactions and work being produced by a large proportion of families. You will be contacted by a staff member during this term to see how we can support you in accessing the best learning for your child.

#### **Transition – Reception/Year 6**

We have been working with the nurseries to support transition for our new reception children who should have now received a social story, books, paperwork and information for September. If you have any further queries, please contact the school office.

We have plans to celebrate and remember our Year 6 children leaving this year. Please keep an eye out for communication regarding this. We will be giving opportunities to share stories, work and photos towards the end of July.

#### **Staffing 2020/2021**

As we get closer to the end of term we will write and confirm our staffing roles for September 2020.

#### **Finally....**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the tremendous effort and dedication from the school staff over this very unpredictable and unprecedented time! They have been working continuously throughout holidays from both home and school with such positivity and enthusiasm, all whilst juggling their own home lives and family. We have never felt prouder to lead such a fantastic team of people and we are all excited about the time when we can all be together as the Kingsnorth family once again.

Kindest regards,  
The School Leadership Team