

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Transition Arrangement for current Year 1 to Year 5 (who will be in Y2 through to Year 6 in September)

Now that the government have stated they want all children back in school for September we have been in discussion with Derbyshire County Council about how we can organise a transition session for your children in school. We feel it is vitally important that the children get a chance to step back in to school, however briefly, before the summer and to get a chance to see their next teacher. For many children that contact again with school will help allay any worries about coming back in September. It will also give them chance to feel part of a group once again.

The best space for such a session is our School Sports Hall. The government acknowledges that children in Primary School can't keep to the 2 metres distancing rule (this may be relaxed by then anyway) but ask us to 'bubble' them in to separate groups of no more than 15.

We can therefore use the Sports Hall as it is more than large enough for two groups of 15 (i.e. a class) and in the first instance we can still sit them apart as well.

This enables all the children to be in the large space which we will keep ventilated throughout. In addition we then have access to the school field where again the children can be in their bubbled groups for a social time during the afternoon. We feel this will be the most important time of all – doing something reasonably 'normal'.

This is an opportunity that most schools won't be able to achieve and we are very lucky to have the combination of field and the large sports hall.

We are also offering the opportunity for one parent to come with your child before the transition session for a short, 2metre socially distanced, picnic on our field. This will be from 12.30 – 1pm weather permitting. This has been approved by DCC Health and Safety Team. Again, a safe way for the children to be supported as they step in to school and you can see how we are organising the afternoon. If you're then happy you can leave your child for the session and come back to collect at 2.50pm. (Please note we will not have adult toilet facilities so we have kept the picnic session short).

## Transition Afternoons 1pm – 2.50pm (Picnic 12.30-1pm)

Current Y1 - Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July with Mrs Ebbage (new Y2)

Current Y2/3 – Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July with Mrs Gooding (new Y3/4)

Current Y3/4 – Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July with Miss Allanson and Ms Mike (new Y4/5)

Current Y4 – Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July with Mr James (new Y5)

Current Y5 - Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July with Mrs Aldread (new Y6)

**We would ask all parents of Year 1 to Year 5 children to complete the survey below by clicking on the link even if your child is currently in school. This will enable us to make the necessary arrangements.**

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FLCPDzGwKUyzIgN\\_CNbErEnEN4TS6WJCuFg2Wggp9fIU1JBVVMxMEwyQVhWUVhDNDNEWkIRNk03RS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FLCPDzGwKUyzIgN_CNbErEnEN4TS6WJCuFg2Wggp9fIU1JBVVMxMEwyQVhWUVhDNDNEWkIRNk03RS4u)

## Transition Arrangements for Reception (who will be Year 1 in September)

Due to Mrs Travis, the new Y1 teacher in September, working in another school we will be unable to arrange a transition session for Y1 pupils for health and safety reasons. We will ask Mrs Travis to provide some 'hello' videos for the children through Seesaw so please keep an eye out for future messages about this.

## Reports

We will be giving out reports at the Transition Sessions listed above for Years 1 to Year 5. For Nursery, Reception and Y6 they will be given out in classes or posted out if need be.

If you have any further questions please contact Mr Snape via [headteacher@pilsley-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@pilsley-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk) or call the office (being aware it may not be staffed) on 01773 872378.

Take Care and Stay Safe



Headteacher and the Pilsley Staff Team