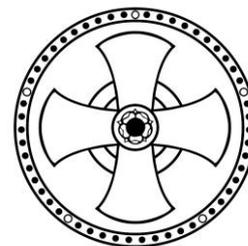




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Re: Update on Preparations for September

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final week of term, I wanted to write and thank you again for your support during this Covid-19 crisis. The challenges this has brought to all of us have been considerable and long lasting. I know there are some of you who have lost jobs, suffered bereavements and illnesses throughout this time and then supported your child with their home learning. For others, there have been different challenges. To say that the staff and I appreciate your support is an understatement and I know they have also enjoyed the opportunities recently of meeting many of you as you've visited to pick up reports.

The plans for September are still in preparation. Some things are clear: we'll need to stagger start and end times, breaks and lunches and operate 'bubbles' in the way that we have in the past. We will be in a position to welcome all children back and are looking forward to that; despite the fact that it won't yet be a complete return to normal. I'll be in touch with you over the summer (I've penciled this in for 17th August) to communicate with you over what our arrangements will be so that you can prepare as well. I am sorry that I cannot be any clearer at this time and apologise for the lack of notice this gives you in putting your own plans in place. These remain really challenging times and I thank you in advance for your support and cooperation as we move into a new academic year.

As you know, our Summer Term ends at 3pm on July 17th and I'm afraid this will also be the end of Key Worker provision over the summer and the updating of the website for resources for home learning. I hope you all take whatever opportunities you have to relax safely and recharge the batteries. I also know you'd join with me in wishing Mr. Deacon all the very best of luck as he leaves us to continue his career in London; we will certainly miss him.

Please do remember to check your Pings and the website for further updates next week relating to Class Zoom sessions, The 'virtual' End of Term Mass on Tuesday and the Leaver's Zoom Meeting for Year 6. I'll ensure our arrangements for September are shared on the website initially – so please do check for that after August 17th.

Kind regards,

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