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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6,

We are sure many of you are incredibly upset about the disruption that the pandemic has caused to your child's last two years at Grampian. Whilst we must continue to safely operate within our covid-19 risk assessment, we want to reassure you that we are doing everything possible to ensure the children are well prepared for their secondary schools. We are also committed to ensuring they have some superb memories to close their chapter at Grampian.

We have been hesitant to share our plans with the children for fear of causing any further disappointment than the pandemic has already caused. However, we feel the children would benefit in knowing that their celebrations have not been forgotten despite the four-week extension to the national restrictions. There have been a few changes to our original plans but we believe there is still much to look forward to.

## What has changed?

### Common Transfer Days

The decision has been made to suspend the city-wide common transition days which were due to take place on the 6-8<sup>th</sup> July. Although a very difficult decision, Headteachers and advisors from the local authority agreed that the safety and security of bubbles was vital to ensure there is no further risk to public health at this time. Each secondary school will now make decisions about how they can safely offer transition support. You may have already been contacted by your child's secondary school and we will continue to keep abreast of these developments. Mr Carpenter and Mrs Spooner have worked incredibly hard to liaise with all the secondary schools and this will continue to be a key priority in the weeks ahead.

### Graduation

The Y6 Graduation will go ahead as planned on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. However, it is with great sadness that we need to revise the parent invite for the event. In accordance with the national restrictions and Department for Education guidance, parents/carers are unable to join us in school for the graduation meal. Any payments that have been made will be refunded.

However, we are able to invite one parent or carer per child to join us for the graduation ceremony which will take place outside. We are unable to have a spectator group size greater than 30 so it will be strictly one parent or carer per child, with no younger siblings. The graduation ceremony will take place at 6:30pm. After the ceremony there will be plenty of opportunity for you to take photographs of the children in their cap and gowns. We will do everything we can to make the event special.

## What else do we have planned?

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## Y6 Leavers Trip – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

One celebration event we have planned to mark our Year 6's final term with us is the leaver's trip. This year, the children have voted to attend a trampoline park. This trip will still be able to go ahead as planned.

The school day will run as normal for the children: arrival at 8:45am and home time between 3:00pm. and 3:15pm. Transport to the trampoline park will be via a hired minibus, plus driver, or on our school minibus which will be driven by a member of our staff team. The class will obviously be supervised by staff at all times. The trip also includes a lunch provided by the venue of pizza and chips, and the socks the children will need to wear to participate.

Although the children are welcome to wear their tracksuit bottoms or shorts to jump around in, they will need to wear their school t-shirt or jumper. We also ask that every child has a water bottle to take with them for the day. Children will not need to take anything else on the trip with them and we will not be taking any bags with us.

We have been fortunate enough to be able to subsidise the trip and therefore we are only asking for a small contribution from parents and carers of £5. This will help to mark the end of the children's time at primary in a really enjoyable way for them.

## Y6 Leavers Picnic – families welcome (as this date is after the 19<sup>th</sup> July and the four-week pause is expected to have been lifted)

On the children's last day, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, the children are invited to wear or bring along a shirt that they can ask their friends to sign.

We would like to invite Year 6 parents and carers to come and join the children for a family picnic on their last day. Families are asked to bring along a picnic lunch plus a blanket and join the children on the school field. The children are working hard to put together a small display of messages to mark some of their memories of their time with us and we would love to be able to share that with you on the last day.

Families should arrive at 1pm. At the end of the picnic, parents and carers will be invited to take their children home (approx 2-2:30pm).

With our warmest wishes,

Mr. Carpenter and Mrs. Murfin

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