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Dear Parents and Carers

Website

Our school website is due to expire so we have been working hard on a new website. The new website will be available soon. In the interim, the old website will remain live and it will automatically re-direct you to the new website. In the days ahead, the old website will close. The new website address is very similar to our existing one and can be found at www.grampian.derby.sch.uk. School jotter will no longer work with the new website.

School reports

The children in school will bring home their school report on Tuesday 14th July. They will also bring home any reports for their siblings. If your child is not currently in school, school reports can be collected between Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th July between 4-5pm or on Friday 17th July between 1:00-4pm.

Parents and carers wishing to discuss their child's report with the class teacher should email the teacher via the class email addresses. Class teachers will then be able to contact parents via the telephone to answer any questions.

GPA Bubble Update

At the start of this week our existing bubbles extended to 15 children. This allowed us to offer school places to all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Those children who wished to return to school have done so and are all now settled into their bubbles. With the few remaining places we were able to offer school places to children in Year 2 entitled to free school meals.

Our new air conditioning and ventilation system has now been installed in our Year 1 classroom. Next week, we will be opening this classroom to Y5 and we are looking forward to having our Y5 pupils back for the last two weeks of term. This is our Zebra bubble and Miss Jones and Mr Haslam are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 14th July.

Looking ahead – September 2020

As parents and carers will be aware, schools will be open to all children in September. Normal class sizes will be resumed and school attendance will be compulsory for the vast majority of pupils. There will of course be safety measures we will need to continue with but many of these are already well-established in school. We are updating our risk assessment ready for September and we will provide further details to parents in due course.

We are really looking forward to having everyone back in school. The new Year 3 classroom is well underway and the work is due to be completed at the end of August. The existing Year 3 classroom is going to be used to create a new whole school library and a new area for small groups of children to work with an adult.

Preparing for September 2020

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We wanted to confirm a few details about September as we know that parents and carers will want to get organised for the new school year.

School uniform - our usual school uniform and PE kit policy will resume in September, therefore parents and carers can go ahead and purchase new uniform and school shoes knowing that this will be required from the start of term. A copy of our school uniform and PE kit policy can be found on the school website.

PE – Physical Education and being active is an important part of our school curriculum and important for the children's health and wellbeing. Mr Gaunt, School Sports Coach, will be staying with us next year and he will be joined by a new colleague Mr Clamp. Both Mr Gaunt and Mr Clamp will ensure we have active playtimes and lunchtimes in addition to great PE lessons.

Our PE lessons will be taking place outside for the Autumn term as advised by the government to help keep everyone safe. As a result, all children will need to have a tracksuit and trainers for PE. In September, we will write to parents and carers confirming which day their children's PE lesson will take place. We will be asking the class to come into school dressed in their PE tracksuit and stay in their PE kit all day so that they do not need to get changed in school.

School meals – we are pleased to share that we will be able to resume a full a lunch offer which will include hot meals. School meals will be served in the marquees in the Autumn term. If and when the colder weather returns, we will review this plan. In order to provide our usual menu, we will need all school meals to be pre-ordered in advance. Ordering will be via our usual payment system (School Money) which will also allow parents and carers to pre-order meals from their mobile phones and smart devices. Families that pay for school meals will be asked to make payment at the point of ordering. Families who are entitled to free school meals will need to pre-order their child's lunch but they will not be required to make payment. School will no longer be able to handle cash and therefore payment must be made online. We will be sharing further details of how to login to the software/app next week together with a menu for next term.

I hope this insight into the new academic year is helpful to parents and carers. I will be sharing more information next week regarding how school will operate from September.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we are very much looking forward to having our whole school community back together in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Murfin
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