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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you about a change to the end of this term. We will now be closing **to all children, including key workers**, on **Friday 17th July 2020** and not Tuesday 21st July 2020 as originally planned through utilising INSET Days missed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

At the heart of this decision is how we best support all children to settle back into school quickly in September. This includes:

1) Allowing each class to meet their new class teacher and each other. Due to the current restrictions about who can come into school, these will happen via video call. We will be sending out a date, time and login for their meeting to each child in an email from your new class next week. For safeguarding reasons, we ask that you attend this meeting with your child. By offering this contact, we hope that all children will start to feel part of their new class ready to come back to school in September.

2) Allowing new class teacher time to make 1:1 phone calls where children are unable to join the video call.

3) Allowing time for current and new teachers to meet and discuss your child at length to ensure that there is a smooth handover in regard to learning, curriculum coverage and well-being.

4) Giving the staff team adequate time to put our school back together prior to the school holidays. It took us over a week to take everything apart and to ensure that we were meeting the Public Health England and Government guidelines on health and safety. We are expecting to have to modify/adapt/change our current working to meet the new expectations being put in place for September, which are due to be published on Thursday 2nd July 2020.

We would have liked to have seen you all before the end of term and were trying to find a way of holding transition meetings here at school. However, that would have meant “bursting bubbles” which we are not able to do as the advice is against it. Although we are sad that we cannot hold these meetings in school, we hope that the video calls will support your child’s transition back to school in September.

This is our first step towards preparing for September. Some of you have been in touch to ask about what school will look like in September, we will be letting you know further information over the next couple of weeks. However, the situation is fluid and so we will keep you up to date as much as we can.

Many thanks for all of your on-going support.

Warmest regards,

Ellie Shaw
Headteacher