



2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **End of Term Arrangements**

As you know, we have been open to certain year groups since June in line with Government guidance and it has been an absolute joy to have the children back in school. You will also be aware that it was not possible to invite all year groups back and comply with social distancing. We do feel that it is important that all year groups have the opportunity to 'end' their current year before they move to their new year in September. We are therefore planning to enable children in Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 the opportunity to return to school in small groups for a final session with their current teacher. This session will take place on either Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July or Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July and we are aiming for it to last for 1.5 hours. We are also aiming for them to be able to meet their new teacher during this session.

<u>In order to do this we will need to end school for all children in YN, YR, Y1 and Y6 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. This will now be the last day for these year groups.</u>

We will still be offering care for children of key workers in all year groups on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. **In order to plan for staffing we must know if your child is intending to be in school on any of those days**. Please can you let the office know via phone or email or speak to a member of staff when you bring your child,

If your child is in Y2, Y3, Y4 or Y5 and you would like them to return to school for a final session with their teacher you will need to email the relevant year group email by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. If we don't hear from you we will assume you are not coming in.

Year2@greatheathacademy.attrust.org.uk

Year3@greatheathacademy.attrust.org.uk

Year4@greatheathacademy.attrust.org.uk

Year5@greatheathacademy.attrust.org.uk

Once we know how many children we are expecting we will group them and email you with the day and time along with arrangements for bringing and collecting your child. If your child is in school as part of the key worker group we will facilitate time with their existing and new teacher, where possible, on the day(s) that they are in school. If you are a key worker and your child will not be in on any of the last three days they are welcome to join one of the sessions with their teacher – please email the year group email as detailed above.

We do appreciate that some of you who have children in YR or Y1 who chose not to send your child back full time would appreciate this opportunity as well. We will prioritise the year groups who have not yet had any opportunity to return and will then see if it is possible to offer this to other year groups. Children who are in school will undertake the transition activities and meet their new teacher, if possible, before their last day so they do not need to attend a separate session.

Your child's end of year report will be available for collection, along with information about their new class and teacher, during the week beginning July 13<sup>th</sup>. In order to comply with social distancing we will allocate you a time slot that you can collect your child/ren's report/s from school. Any uncollected reports will be posted.

With regards to plans for September, we are currently awaiting the Government guidance and once this is released we will formulate our plans and communicate these to you. We will undertake transition activities when children return to school to support all children with the changes. It is important that over the summer you check the Covid-19 page on the website for any updates. We will also post on the school's Facebook page when an update goes on the website. Please do follow our page for updates. The school will not be open during the summer holiday.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July we will be reorganising the school so we are ready for children in September. Once each year group is set up we will create a video of the area and the teachers and teaching assistants who will be working in the year group. These will be placed in the year group folders on the home learning page – please do use these over the summer to talk with your child.

Your support during this unprecedented time has been amazing and we have loved having some of the children back with us. I would like to wish you a relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind Regards

Naomi Brown

Principal