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Dear parents and carers

I hope you are enjoying this fabulous weather and beginning to return to a more 'normal' life now some of the restrictions have been lifted. We have some information to share with you regarding transitions. Please bear in mind, with the current situation, things may have to change at short notice if directed by the Government.

Transition and end of school dates years R-5

Transition for all *current year R to 5 pupils* will take place during the last week of term – the week commencing 13th July. Children will be invited in in groups of 15 to meet their new teaching team outside so they can be socially distanced. Bookings for this will go live shortly. An email will be sent to you confirming all the information.

In order to avoid any cross contamination between groups of pupils, a set of Portaloos have been ordered and these will be allocated to a group and then cleaned before the next group use them. This will allow us to invite all children back into school for a short time before we break up for the summer.

A transition pack is being prepared for each class which will contain information you can share with your child, including the staff in their class team next year and an activity for your child to complete at home and bring in when we start back in September.

Key worker classes will continue during transition week, with children taken out to meet their new class team as timetabled.

The last day of term will be **Friday 17th July**.

End of school date for year 6

In order that year 5 pupils can meet their new teaching teams, the last day of term for year 6 will be **Wednesday 15th July**. The year 6 team are planning some end of term, outside, socially distanced events to make the end of their time back in school as special as possible. The information will be sent out directly to year 6 parents as it is finalised. We still continue to plan for additional events in term 1, depending on the guidance sent out by the Government at the time.

PGL refunds

I am pleased to be able to say that all the cheques are in the process of being signed. A booking system will be arranged for collection next week and a link sent to you.

School holiday club

School holiday club will be open for the first 2 weeks of the summer break (WC 20th and 27th July). Places can be booked by contacting Lorraine Brown directly via email at childsplay@timuacademytrust.org.uk. Places will be opened to key workers first and then to all parents who need additional child care for the start of the summer break. The Prime Minister confirmed on 23rd June that wrap-around care for school age children will restart over the summer. The deadline for booking places is; **Tuesday 30th June** for key workers and **Friday 3rd July** for all other parents.

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Timu phone system

We now have a new phone system across the Trust; please ensure you listen to all the options if you call in as some of the numbers to choose have changed. Additionally, the system now allows both schools to answer incoming calls that are unanswered after 8 rings. This will mean that you may call Bobbing school but it could be picked up at Iwade School who can then help you

Virgin radio 500 words Black Lives Matter competition

This has been launched as a special competition in response to the Black Lives Matter movement. This is open to all Primary aged children to respond in any way they wish in no more than 500 words. If you would be interested to get your child involved in this, please see <https://500words.me/> It opens on Sunday 29th June.

11+

We are still waiting for final dates from the Local Authority, but they have been consulting with schools with the proposal to push the 11+ date back by 1 month. Again, once we receive confirmation we will share this with you straight away. Please ensure you have registered by 2nd July at the very latest and check you get an email receipt.

Staff development Day

With all that has gone on over the last 4 months, we have been unable to meet as a staff and complete preparations for the new academic year, therefore school will open to all pupils on **Wednesday 2nd September** and not Tuesday 1st September as originally published. There will be no school holiday club that day as all staff will be needed.

I have no doubt I will be in touch again over the next couple of weeks as we come to the end of this most strange of academic years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the families that have sent in messages, cards and gifts to the staff showing your appreciation. I know that this means a lot to all the staff here.

Thank you for your continued support



Mrs Browning

Executive Principal