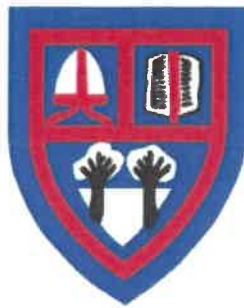


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Dear Parents / Carers

It is come to that time of year when we would normally be saying goodbye to the Year 6 children and getting ready for the summer holidays. Sadly we have been unable to say our normal goodbyes to the children from their class teachers or from the wider school. Therefore we would like to take this opportunity to give our best wishes to everyone that is leaving Launde at the end of this term. We would like to say our special goodbyes to Year 6 children and to give the message that we are very sorry that we were unable to do the usual end of Year 6 activities. However that takes nothing away from them as we know they will all go on and achieve the best that they can and take the Launde memories with them. We are sure that they will be assets to whichever school they attend and we expect to hear lots of wonderful news about their achievements over the coming years.

We also say goodbye to Miss Davies, Miss Brittain and Mr Vadera. I know they are going to be greatly missed by both children and staff. We wish them all the best in the future.

The government guidance on reopening schools came out last Thursday and staff are busy working their way through it to ensure that children are all safe when they return to full-time education in the autumn term. It is for this reason that we are unable to give you more detail about the return. However in August we will be sending out full details of the reopening for the wider school and the changes that will be in place for both parents and children as they come in and out of school.

We can tell you that we will open for Years 5 and 6 on Thursday 27 August, with Years 3 and 4 returning on Friday 28 August. We have chosen to have these year groups in first as they were not included in the initial wider opening. The remainder of the year groups will return to school on Tuesday 1 September. The staggered approach is to support children in settling in and getting used to the new routines and protocols.

We will send confirmation of this once the details of the reopening have been set up, taking account of the current Leicester lock down. I know some people may find this frustrating but we do have to work within the guidance and we do not want to give you information that may well be inaccurate by time we reopen.

We have already given you information about school uniform and equipment in the last newsletter so please take note of that is part of the preparation for returning to school. You may order the school uniform online and it will be ready for you to pick up on Thursday 20 August and Friday 21 August between 9am and 3pm. Please note that we have asked children to wear non logoed trainers so that they do not need to keep changing shoes as they move between indoor and outdoor learning. These should be in either dark or white and not in flashy colours.

Parents have been asking about Launde Care, Mrs Mason has been sorting this out and she will be in touch during the break to give you confirmation about the arrangement but please be assured some provision will be available.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have taken part in the Zoom meetings. It was wonderful to see so many parents participating virtually and we can see this being a useful way of giving you lots of information in a short space of time. We will continue with Zoom meetings over the coming year for other curriculum matters as well.

We have been working on a new, updated school website for Launde. From 1 August there will be a new look to the website although the information will be the same. There may be a couple of days prior to this when the website is 'down'. Please bear with us however we hope this new look will help further improve communication between home and school.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer break and hope that in Oadby the Leicester lock down will not last too long and that you are all able to get out possibly go on holiday but make sure that your children are well rested ready for the next academic year.



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