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Transition Arrangements – Summer 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

In light of the changes to the easing of restrictions, it has led us to re think our transition at the end of the year. We hope that what we have planned will make this as safe as possible and will provide us with the best possible chance of face to face transition taking place.

Our plans will see us 'breaking bubbles' on Friday 16th July, with all children moving to their new classes (hopefully with their new teacher) on Monday 19th July instead of Tuesday 20th July. This allows for a weekend break before setting up new bubbles and means it will be safer for staff and pupils across the school.

Therefore, our new Year 3 pupils (current Year 2 children) will be invited to attend for the *full three days*, Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July instead of just the Tuesday and Wednesday. We have spoken to our feeder Infant Schools who have agreed and are happy with these arrangements.

On Monday 19th, we will still have around 60 year 6 children with us as they are due to start Neatherd High School in September and their transition will not start until Tuesday 20th July. However, we have enough staff and space to supervise these children for the day.

The only element which may cause to alter our plans is if the High Schools are unable to have our children for their agreed transition days (Northgate 19th, 20th and 21st July and Neatherd 20th and 21st July). If this were to happen, we would not have the space to accommodate our new Year 3 children. At present, the High Schools are hopeful that transition will be able to take place and all will proceed as planned.

We are in the process of organising classes for next year and I can confirm that next year there will be:

- 4 classes in Year 3
- 4 classes in Year 4
- 3 classes in Year 5 (this means the current Year 4 will move from 4 classes to 3)
- 3 classes in Year 6.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, who will be pleased to help.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kelly Scott Headteacher