

11 May 2021

Dear Parent,

### **End of year arrangements for year six pupils**

As we move towards the next stage of the government's roadmap to move out of lockdown, the Trust has been reviewing its *Covid-19 Risk Register* and the associated precautionary safety measures that are in place across all Trust schools. This is in response to the refreshed government [Schools Covid-19 Operational Guidance](#) received by schools on the 10 May 2021.

The Trust Board and senior leaders remain committed to following the prescribed *System of Controls* and will keep the health and safety of pupils, staff and families their main priority in all planning and decision making. We recognise that we have all made huge sacrifices to reduce the number of people getting sick, however, there remains no room for complacency and we cannot risk any further spikes in community transmission.

Therefore, it is important that everyone in our schools continues to follow the current level of precautions to keep us as safe as possible until the end of the summer term. The situation will be reviewed again in preparation for the start of the new academic year in September 2021. **This means that existing Covid-19 secure arrangements will remain in place through to July 2021.**

End of term celebrations for all year groups will be scaled down and take place either outdoors or in individual classrooms. We recognise that this may be particularly disappointing for year six pupils and their families as no large-scale leavers' assemblies, productions or parties will be possible this year. However, all schools will find appropriate and safe ways to celebrate this important stage in your child's educational journey and fully recognise their bespoke contribution to life and achievement in primary school.

This decision has been made at Trust level and all schools will follow these arrangements in order to comply with government requirements and ensure every school has the best chance of maintaining fully open for all children over the remainder of the school year.

As always, a massive thank you for your understanding in this matter and for your ongoing support for your school throughout this very challenging period. We are proud of what we have achieved together in keeping our children, teachers and support staff safe and as well as possible over the last fourteen months.

Best wishes,



Robert Bowater Trust CEO