

Raysfield Infant School

Raysfield Junior School

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REOPENING RAYSFIELD – YEAR 6 RETURN w/c Monday 13th July

Friday 19th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

As mentioned in the COVID letter issued last Friday, we wanted to provide you with some clarity about our decisions to invite Year 6 back for two days at the end of this term.

Our rationale for providing more teaching time with our Reception and Year 1 children is related to research that would suggest they are more likely to forget the learning already taken place this year as they are so young; the proportion of time missed is bigger for them. Year 6 is largely front loaded to prepare them for the national exams in May, and term 6 is largely spent on a celebration event to perform to you, which is sadly not possible in 2020.

BUT... by inviting Year 6 back for only 2 days, with their own class teacher, we are hoping all will return to enable us to plan activities based on the following themes:

- Sport and games
- Celebrating our achievements
- Recording our memories
- Setting new goals to support transition

Please complete the survey for your child's class by Monday 29th June to enable us to plan for the final week.

GOLDCREST CLASS – This is the parent/carer survey link for you

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q5KS8GR>

MERLIN CLASS – This is the parent/carer survey link for you

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W77FNZY>

In addition to the celebrations and work related to transition, Term 6 also provides time to address Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). However, there is a lot of material in relationships and sex education that relies on teacher-led discussion in the safe classroom-learning environment that has been built up throughout the year. The general thinking from PSHE specialists is that many lessons may not best suit a one-to-one home learning environment. Taking that on board, whilst also wanting to support children in year 6 to prepare for the physical and emotional changes this phase in their life can bring, we have put together a handbook for Parents/Carers to discuss some of the aspects of growing up and moving on.

This handbook for parents is in line with the new statutory guidance for September 2020. The handbook can be [accessed here](#). If you would like to read and use it with your children. This is, of course, optional.

In addition, the Local Authority are working with secondary PSHE leads to ensure that year 7 pupils will also cover the basics of RSE during year 7. Both Chipping Sodbury and Yate academy are Jigsaw schools, which is the excellent programme we use at Raysfield. Jigsaw have made the Changing Me, term 6 puzzle available to any Jigsaw secondary schools so they know the content and can deliver the lessons.

Transition Survey

We are currently working closely with local secondary schools to ensure as much information as possible is passed on in order to create a smooth transition for your child. We recognise that our year 6 pupils may be feeling a mix of emotions about starting secondary school, especially during these unprecedented times where they may not be able to visit their new school and meet their new tutors.

To ensure pupils' wellbeing is at the forefront of the transition process, the Local Authority have developed a short pupil focused survey for year 6 pupils which provides them with the opportunity to say how they are feeling about this time in their lives.

The aim of the survey is for secondary schools to receive a clear picture of the different wellbeing needs of their new year 7 pupils in order to better support the transition process. This survey is designed to be anonymous which means you won't be asked your child's name or anything else that can easily identify them. You will be required to state which secondary school your child is going to so that each secondary school receives bespoke results related to their pupils. Each secondary school will be able to tailor specific support for the needs of their pupils.

To access the survey, please click on the following eLink:

<https://sql2020move.fabsurveys.co.uk/>

User ID = 8032224

Password (all lower case) = f32pjp2??

You can find lots of helpful information on the South Gloucestershire MIND YOU website at the end of this survey.

YEAR 6 PUPILS IN THE KEY WORKER GROUP

Finally, if your child has attended school during COVID, as part of the Key Worker group, we wanted to give them the option of joining a class group. The only way we are able to do this, without the potential of cross contaminating the bubble approach, is to ask the Year 6 Key Worker pupils to stay at home during week 6. Please let us know if you would like your child to join the class bubbles by emailing the office by **Friday 3rd July**.

Many thanks for the support during this time. Once the survey has been completed we will write to you again with the Year 6 groups, which will be friendship based, the daily timetable, how we will protect your children and the safety measures we have in place at school to enable them to attend and enjoy their last couple of days at Raysfield.

Stay safe.

Mrs Claire Hill