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Dear Parents and Carers,

Classes for September 2020

As you are aware children are remaining with their classmates this year and moving up as a whole class. Your child's new class teacher for September 2020 is Miss Oliver and the class LSA is Mrs Sydenham. Also attached is a plan of the school showing where their new classroom will be.

New Class: 40	
Teacher	Learning Support Assistant
Miss Oliver	Mrs Sydenham
	

Normally your child would meet with their new class teacher during the first week in July but the current situation has meant this cannot happen.

However now that we have had further lifting of restrictions from the Government from July 4th we are delighted to be able to say that we have come up with a cunning plan.

Our plan is that your child will be able to come to school for an hour on the last day of term, July 17th, to spend half an hour with their new teacher and half an hour with their old teacher. The "Say Hello Wave Goodbye"

Bubbles will have half a class in each and will be outside and adhere to the social distance guidance of 2m (which is still preferred). This will only be able to happen if we have fine weather as we cannot have the children inside the school as we have other bubbles already in classrooms. Fingers crossed it doesn't rain. We will inform you the week before what time your child should arrive and any other instructions. There will be no need to register, it will simply be turn up. If you don't want your child to attend that is fine too. We dearly hope this will bring some smiles to your children's faces.

Transition support for 2020

Whilst things are very different for the children this year, as staff we have spent the same time, if not more, ensuring that your child's current class teacher shares all the important information on friendships, strengths, SEN needs, attainment and curriculum coverage so far. These meetings (they have been virtual) are invaluable to the teachers and provide a really detailed overview of each child in their new class.

We will also be supporting your child's transition to their new class teacher and year group in a variety of "virtual" ways. There will be some transition activities added to Google Classroom and our website. Later in Term 6, your child will also be receiving a welcome letter from their new class teacher along with a video message and a 'farewell' message from their current class teacher. We hope all of this will help make the transition to their new class as smooth as possible and very much hope we will have a "normal" start to term 1 (but I don't 100% know this). I will keep you updated.

Warm wishes,
Annie Knoupe
Headteacher

