

6 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter continues to find you, your family and friends well. I write to let you know of the plans for the end of year arrangements, free school meal information and to let parents know when the plan for September opening for all will be shared.

End of Year

As parents are aware, we have EYFS, Year 1 and Key worker children in school but have been unable to house Year 6 during this period of the pandemic. I have always been concerned in regard to our fantastic year 6 children being able to finish their time at Netherfield so the plan shown below, gives those children an opportunity to return for one day, spend some time with their friends and staff, finishing their schooling with us. This will not replace their leavers celebration as we are still committed to making that happen in September.

Year Groups	Last Day in School
EYFS / Year 1	Wednesday 15 July
Year 6	Thursday 16 July
Key Worker Bubbles	Friday 17 July

Free School Meals

The FSM vouchers for the 6 weeks holiday have been delivered to those parents who have used email for this facet of our work. These vouchers are for the period of Monday 20 July to the end of the six weeks holiday. For those parents who we have hand delivered their vouchers, please bear with us, they will be with you before the end of term but we have yet to go through the process of downloading and printing. It is worth noting for parents, the Government has confirmed that there are no plans to provide any more of these vouchers, the scheme ends in the summer.

September Opening

The guidance from the Government came out on Thursday of last week, we are currently looking at plans to bring **every child** back to school in September and parents should prepare for this. Next Monday I will send out further details, as the plans we settle on will require approval from our hugely supportive Governors and indeed the Trust. I hope you can rest assured that when we are looking at the plans, in the forefront of our minds will be trying to make the transition as comfortable as possible for all of our children and our staff. To take some positives from the last few

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weeks, once the first day is done (and the tears have subsided), the children who are attending presently just see it as their new school and these are our youngest children who have coped with this brilliantly. From our last re-opening, parents suggested videos of how the school looks etc. (thank you as these were great ideas) and we will endeavour to complete these again, possibly with a better voice over! **The date for the return of all children is Thursday 3rd September 2020.**

As I have stated, much more information on the return to follow next week and as ever, any queries or questions please get in touch via email office5@netherfieldprimaryschool.com or the usual phone number.

Kindest regards

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