

## St Benedict's C. of E. VA Junior School

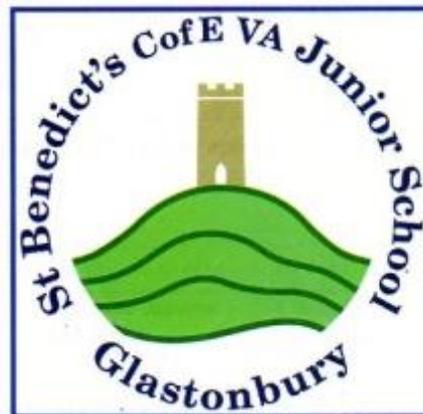
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12th June 2020

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

### **Re: Plans for this half term and September**

I hope you are all safe and well and managing to stay positive in these very strange times. Following the government announcement that primary year groups other than those already identified (Year R, Year 1 and Year 6) will not return to school before the next academic year, I wanted to write to you all and explain how St. Benedict's aims to approach this.

We value our pupils' wellbeing and we miss not having them at school. Lockdown has forced us to find alternative solutions to educating our children, but I am sure we all agree that we are looking forward to things returning to normal. As a staff, we think it is really important for us to see the children before the summer holidays, so we will be inviting each year group in for one day. In the morning they will get to spend some time with their current teacher, and in the afternoon they will meet their new teacher for next year. These days are as follows:

- Current Year 4 pupils moving up to Year 5 in September – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June,
- Current Year 3 pupils moving up to Year 4 in September – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July,
- Current Year 5 pupils moving up to Year 6 in September – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

To ensure this is as safe as possible, Year 6 will not be attending school on these days. We will perform a thorough clean of the school the evening before, and we will be observing social distancing, as well as regular hand sanitising/ hand-washing routines. We will also take the temperature of every pupil as they enter school. Your children will be organised into smaller groups (or bubbles) of half their usual class numbers and will have staggered starts and ends to the day and staggered breaks and lunchtimes. Logistically, it will be quite a challenge, but we think it will be worth it to give your child a chance to see their teacher, meet their new teacher and spend a bit of time in school.

#### **Please be aware of the following:**

- There will be no school uniform, children should wear comfortable clothing,
- We are currently operating a 'no bag' policy – your child should bring a packed lunch and water bottle only.

More details will follow when we send out year-group specific letters.

Whilst we think this is a very valuable opportunity for your child, we recognise that some of you may be uncomfortable sending your child into school in the current climate. This is, of course, a very personal decision, and we respect your views. We simply ask that you let us know whether they will be attending (see below).

Best wishes and stay safe,

**Piers Ranger**  
Headteacher

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**Please message your child's class teacher on Class Dojo to confirm their attendance/non-attendance for their day.**

**If you are not on Class Dojo, please let us know your plans by telephone on 01458 831811.**