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Dear Parent/Carer

21st June 2021

Re: Transition arrangements for Learning Zones in September

All parents should now have received their emails confirming which Learning Zone their child has been allocated to in September.

This week our teaching teams will be beginning to prepare children for this transition. They will be discussing how things will change in September, what the Learning Zones will look like, the super powers and the expectations. Please make sure your child is aware of which Learning Zone they have been allocated to so that this is not a surprise to them during these discussions.

In addition, we will have a 'Transition Day' on Wednesday 14th July 2021. The children will attend school as if they were already in their allocated Learning Zone – going straight in from the yard. They will then remain with their teacher for the whole day and have lunchtime, breaks and exit in the same way as that Learning Zone current operates.

Obviously, this requires us to mix our existing bubbles. As such I have written a different Risk Assessment for this one day which means that the whole school will be considered to be one bubble. The risk of this is that should we have a Covid outbreak – the whole school would need to be closed. This is why we have chosen the last week of term for our Transition day so that if necessary the school could close without the children losing too much learning time as they would be in effect, breaking up two days earlier than planned.

I have weighed up the risk of creating one whole bubble against the risk of not having a Transition day. We have discussed this as a teaching team and feel that the implications for children's mental health, anxiety levels and levels of worry about the unknown over the summer holidays is far greater than the risk of us having a covid outbreak and having to close the school two days early.

I have therefore taken the view that spending time with in their September Learning Zone is a priority and that the one day Risk Assessment will minimise the risk of Covid as far as possible with children sitting in different areas of the classroom and maintaining social distancing. More

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specific risk minimisation strategies will be outlined in the Risk Assessment which is available on our website.

If your child is currently in Year 6 and moving to secondary school in September, they will be kept as a separate bubble and will be based in the Topaz Learning Zone for the day. The Topaz Learning Zone is our spare classroom where interventions, Thrive work and 1:1 support is delivered.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Cross
Head Teacher

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