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Dear Parent/Carer 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## Re: Transition Day - Wednesday 14th July 2021

Further to my previous letter regarding our Transition Day on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021, I am now having to inform you that government guidance states that transition days cannot go ahead. This guidance has been reiterated to us by both our Health and Safety Partners and by the MAT.

This is due to the rising number of Covid cases in our area.

Having said that, I am very much aware of how important transition is and as usual our teaching team have tried hard to come up with a creative solution to yet another Covid barrier.

Therefore, on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July we will be holding an outdoor Covid-secure transition hour whereby the new Learning Zones will spend some time outdoors with their new (or existing) teacher and new class mates. I appreciate that this is far from ideal and please be assured that our teachers and teaching teams are as disappointed as you and the children. However, as a school we have navigated the challenges of Covid since March 2020 without having to close a bubble, send children home or close the whole school and with only two weeks to go we would be devastated to have to take that sort of action at this stage. I also need to be mindful that any Covid outbreak at this stage in the term could have significant consequences for staff and families having to isolate at the beginning of the Summer holidays.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

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