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Headteacher – Mrs K Mason

28th April 2021

Dear Parents,

I write with some important information for you.

As I'm sure you are aware, the government announced funding to support children and young people to catch up lost time after school closure. We are therefore in the process of writing our strategic 'Catch-up' plan for the children at Richardson Endowed. The children were formally assessed before the Easter break and this data has been analysed to provide the evidence to enable us to write the plan. At Richardson Endowed we prefer to call it 'Our Bridge to the Future'.

We will be sharing the plan with you as soon as we are able. We will be presenting it to Embark this week and once it has been given approval it will be shared on our school website.

However, to carry out all the proposed 'skills' sessions and with the need to still carry out extensive hand washing (which takes up a lot of time) we would like to slightly extend the length of the school day for some year groups. This is only by 15 minutes for Years 2 to 6. Year 1, will have the day extended by 30 minutes. The reason for this is that the Year 1 cohort have proportionately lost the most time of their education journey so far, almost 50% as opposed to our year 6 cohort for example, who have lost around 14% of their primary education. Our Class R times will remain the same.

As we are still instructed to have staggered start and finish times the class bubble times will remain the same at the start of the school day. **The collection time at the end of the school day is as follows from Tuesday 4th May 2021**

Class R	3.00pm	Orange Gate Exit
Class 1	3.15pm	Yellow Door Exit
Class 2	3.00pm	Yellow Door Exit
Class 3	3.15pm	Orange Gate Exit
Class 4	3.15pm	Blue Gate Exit
Class 5	3.00pm	Blue Gate Exit
Class 6	3.30pm	Blue Gate Exit

Please note that Class 1 and Class R will leave by a different exit at the end of the day from Tuesday 4th May 2021. This, in the current circumstances, has been unavoidable.

Please keep to morning gates and times as usual.

Class R	9.00am	Yellow Door Entrance
Class 1	9.00am	Orange Gate Entrance
Class 2	8.45am	Yellow Door Entrance
Class 3	8.45am	Orange Gate Entrance
Class 4	8.45am	Blue Gate Entrance
Class 5	8.30am	Blue Gate Entrance
Class 6	9.00am	Blue Gate Entrance

Thank you for your understanding and support – we hope this will be of great benefit to all our children but if this causes you a problem that you cannot resolve please talk to us.

Parent/teacher Consultations

These will be held by Google Classroom or by telephone week commencing 17th May 2021. Details to follow.

Photographs

Our school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 8th June 2021 to take individual, class and leavers photographs. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions we are unable to accommodate family groups of pre-school children this year. If you wish sibling photographs to be taken during school hours please email the school office on info@richardson.derbyshire.sch.uk by Friday 7th May 2021.

Bikeability

We are pleased to be able to offer our Year 5 and Year 6 Classes the opportunity to take part in our Bikeability scheme over the coming weeks. Unfortunately, we are unable to store the bikes in the school overnight due to current restrictions and children will therefore be bringing bikes to school daily. If your child is bringing their bike and helmet to school each day please remind them not to ride their bike on school premises. They should dismount and walk calmly down the school drive and once in the school playground they will be directed where to store their bike. Children should wear suitable outdoor clothing, tracksuit bottoms/leggings along with a school polo shirt/sweatshirt. Thank you in advance for your support – this is for everyone's safety.

Staffing

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new caretaker to the school. Mr D Hallsworth was appointed just before the Easter holiday. He is an experienced caretaker and is keen to make a difference to our wonderful school site here at Richardson Endowed. I'm sure you will join with me in giving him a warm Smalley welcome.

RSE

Adhering to government guidance our RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) proposed policy has been updated and will be shared with you on our school website this week. You are encouraged to read the policy as we will be consulting with parents on the policy – giving you the option to give your views on the proposals. Ultimately it is for the school to decide the way in which we approach this area of the curriculum but your views will be considered and balanced with the needs of the pupils and the school.

Easing Lockdown

A number of you have asked about what the government roadmap in easing lockdown means for our school community at Richardson Endowed. Like you, staff are really keen to get back to some sort of normality and school life as we know it. However, at present there has been no direction from the Department for Education about lifting restrictions. Our risk assessment remains in place and we are adhering to it until we are directed to do otherwise.

We have a number of skeleton plans for our usual summer term activities and celebrations but I am unable to share these with you at present. Our Year 6 traditions may still have to take place in a different way again this year and I more than anyone, would be disappointed if this was the case. Having taught Year 6 at Smalley previously for many years, I initially introduced most of our traditions so please understand that we will do our utmost to ensure our school leavers have the best transition possible at this time.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Stay safe and look after yourselves and our community.

Kind regards

Mrs K Mason
Headteacher

Diary Dates

3 rd May 2021	School closed – Bank Holiday
10 th – 14 th May 2021	Year 5 Bikeability
17 th – 21 st May 2021	Year 6 Bikeability
W/C 17 th May 2021	Parent/teacher consultations
28 th May 2021	School closes for half term
7 th June 2021	School closed – INSET day
8 th June 2021	School re-opens for pupils
8 th June 2021	Individual, class and leavers photographs
22 nd July 2021	Last day of term

Term Dates 2021/2022

2 September 2021	-	22 October 2021
1 November 2021	-	23 December 2021
10 January 2022	-	18 February 2022
28 February 2022	-	8 April 2022
25 April 2022	-	27 May 2022
6 June 2022	-	22 July 2022

INSET Days

2nd September 2021

3rd September 2021

Therefore our first day of the new academic year for children is Monday 6th September 2021

29th November 2021

23rd December 2021

A further INSET day is yet to be agreed for 2022, we will inform you of this as soon as we are able.

Bank Holiday School Closed

2nd May 2022

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