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Dear Parents

I would like to say a big thank you to all of our parents for the support you have shown during the difficult times we have faced during this academic year. We could never have imagined the situation we all found ourselves in. Hopefully September will be more settled.

### Y6 Leavers

The Year 6 had a thoroughly enjoyable time on Friday with a retreat led by the Abbotwick Youth Team and a KFC picnic in the playground. I wish all of my year Y6 students success in the future and I know they will do brilliantly at secondary school.

### Message from Father Dominic

Year 6 Leavers' Mass: At a time when it is hard for pupils and parents to gather in school, a special Year 6 Leavers Mass will be livestreamed from Walsingham House at Abbotwick next Wednesday, 22nd July, at 10am. Everyone is welcome online, and all the details are at <https://bcys.net/events/year6leavers/>. The direct link to the YouTube broadcast is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5W1nT6OZw0I&feature=youtu.be> and the Mass includes a message from Bishop Alan for Year 6 pupils. We hope that this will be a lovely moment for Year 6, perhaps together with parents and grandparents, to mark many precious memories from primary school, and the transition to secondary school. The theme for the Mass is from Ephesians 2:10, "You are God's work of Art."

### Early Morning Care Club

The last day to sign up for early club via the office is Monday (today) and places are on a first come first served basis due to limited space. No one can turn up to attend without booking beforehand.

### Last Day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July is the last day of school for pupils. School finishes at 1pm for all pupils including critical key worker pupils.

I want to thank the staff who have done an amazing job since lockdown and responded in a positive and enthusiastic manner to every challenge laid before them with unconditional professionalism and true Christian spirit. We faced a difficult time with an extremely poorly pupil who is doing very well currently and we remember him and his family in our prayers.

I am extremely proud to call myself headteacher of St Teresa's with the dedicated and caring team, fantastic pupils and supportive families.

To make the last day fun, we are going to have a games morning. Please could you ensure your child wears comfortable clothes / sports clothes and **not school uniform**.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### Mrs Manning

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Manning tomorrow. We are all sad to see her go, and it is especially sad that she is unable to say goodbye to the children, but she has promised to come back in September to visit and to say her goodbyes in person.

## Reminder of staggered start and end of the school day

The arrangements for the beginning and end of the school day are as follows:

Nursery to arrive between 8.30 am until 8.40 am, entering through the usual gate. Children to be collected as usual at 11.30 or 3.00 pm.

Reception pupils to arrive between 8.45 am and 8.55 am, using the Nursery gate as usual.

Children to be collected at 3.00 pm as usual.

Year 1 and Year 2 to arrive between 8.50 and 9.00 am using the main playground gate. Children to be collected between 2.55 pm and 3.00 pm.

Year 3 and Year 4 to arrive from 8.40 until 8.50 am using the main playground gate. Children to be collected between 3.00 and 3.05 pm.

Year 5 and Year 6 will enter through the gate to the general office between 8.30 am and 8.40 am. Children to be collected from 3.10 pm.

Siblings will be catered for to prevent adults having to wait around. We ask you to stick to your slot as much as possible, and to avoid congregating outside the school gate. Please ensure that only one adult accompanies a family to school to prevent congestion. On collection from the main playground at the end of the day, please follow the signs indicating waiting areas for each class whilst maintaining social distancing

Packed lunches will be allowed next term.

Keep safe and enjoy the summer with your family and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Mrs Cashell