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Dear Parents

I want to thank parents for prompt pick-ups on Monday. One of our Y6 pupils was taken ill and we needed to evacuate school as quickly as we could. He is now doing really well. It was a heart related condition and had nothing to do with Coronavirus. He is currently in hospital and our prayers are with him.

*Loving God,  
I pray that you will comfort me in my suffering,  
lend skill to the hands of my healers,  
and bless the means used for my cure.  
Give me such confidence in the power of your grace,  
that even when I am afraid,  
I may put my whole trust in you;  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen*

I also want to thank my staff who acted promptly in a difficult situation.

### Y6 Leavers

This year will be different to the usual Y6 planned leavers events. We cannot hold a disco but have decided to have a retreat day in school organised by Father Dominic and the Abbotswick Team. This will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. **All Y6 pupils, including those not currently attending school**, are invited to attend but you must let us know if your child will be present by replying to [reply@st-teresasrc.essex.sch.uk](mailto:reply@st-teresasrc.essex.sch.uk) with your child's name and Yes or No.

The day will include a retreat morning, lunch and a small socially distanced party. Pick up on this day only for Y6 will be 2pm. All is free of charge.

### Transition

We normally spend the last week of term transitioning pupils to the next year group. This involves spending time in their new class, meeting the teacher, setting expectations etc. As this cannot happen this year we will be using the first week back in September Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to carry out transition activities, so pupils feel ready for the academic year ahead.

### Risk Assessment

We have reviewed our risk assessment and from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June school will be open from 8.40am to 1pm until the end of term. (Gates will open at 8.40am and close at 8.55am, nursery gate will open at 8.30am). Nursery will also be open until 1pm for 30 hour funded pupils only. As previously advised, children are not allowed to bring *anything* from home, including food or drink. The school will therefore be providing a snack and free lunch for all children. An updated menu is attached. There will be no deviation from this arrangement.

### Change to end of term date

End of term was originally planned for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> close at 1.15pm however, due to deep-clean cleaning companies being in high demand we now need to close the school for the Summer term on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 1pm in order to secure their service. Dates in last week's news letters were incorrect, our apologies for any inconvenience.

### Reports

End of year reports will be sent home on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. If your child is in school, they will bring them home with them and if your child is at home their report will be posted. If you would rather pick up your child's report (and not wait for the post) please call the office to confirm this by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Obviously if your child has not been in school, the report will reflect assessment at the point of lockdown.

As we are not accepting any paperwork from home as part of our risk assessment, we ask you to email comments and acknowledgment of your child's report to [reply@st-teresaasrc.essex.sch.uk](mailto:reply@st-teresaasrc.essex.sch.uk). There will not be the usual paper return slip.

Currently the government are saying all children will be back in school for September. We hope this is the case and we will keep you updated as and when we have more information.

Thank you for your continued support with home learning.

Keep safe and enjoy the weekend with your family.

Mrs Cashell