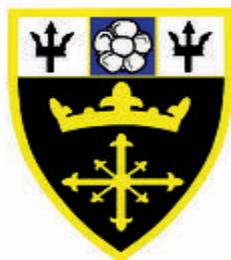


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Friday 30th April 2021

Dear Families,

A different kind of "lockdown"

In our emergency plans we have developed a procedure associated with eventualities that may lead to school being "locked down", such as a chemical leak, police activity nearby or an intruder on the school site. For this procedure, we use a siren, rather than the continuous bell associated with our evacuation procedure. We will be practising a "lockdown" with the children in the next couple of weeks, and talking to them, age appropriately, about what they need to do, as well as reassuring them that the likelihood of needing to use any of these procedures is extremely low.

Reports

As every year, we will issue you with an end of year report for your child in June, and comprehensive handover systems are already in place to support every child moving into his or her new class. We are optimistic that we can run the final week of term (week commencing 12th July) as a transition week when the children move into their new classes before the summer break, and we are currently working on the class and staffing structures for next year. More details will follow in due course.

Leave of absence in term time

Whilst we appreciate that ongoing restrictions mean that many of us will be unable to enjoy a family holiday together this year, our policy on children being absent during term time has not changed. In fact, with the amount of face to face education that the children have missed, we urge you to still plan any holidays outside of term time. This has also been reinforced in government policy. For more detailed information, please see our full Attendance Policy, available on the school website.



A reminder that next Monday, 3rd May is a Bank Holiday, so we wish you a lovely, extended weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Woodhead
Headteacher