



Baildon Church of England Primary School
and Nursery

23rd June 2020

Dear Parent and Year 6 pupils,

RE: Year 6 Transition

I am sure that parents, pupils and staff are all united at the moment in the view that this is not the end of primary school which we would have wished for our fifty nine pupils. At the beginning of the year, when they shared their aspirations, hopes and what they were looking forward to, children mentioned dragonboat racing, the trip to Blackpool, their end of year production as well as the trip to Robinwood. We are fortunate that, unlike many schools who hold off their residential until after exams, last November we created many memories in an action packed trip to Wrexham. Little did we know then as to what was going to unfold across the world in 2020 which has impacted so greatly upon all our lives.

Parents, pupils and teachers are all aware of the importance of transitional arrangements to support children at different stages of their education, whether moving into primary school, moving on to secondary school or to university and college. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, schools have all been busy trying to plan for a different approach so as to try and ensure that plans are in place to support children to make these moves. Staff from the secondary schools have liaised with our staff regarding your children as normal but, this year, by email and phone calls.

Leaders around Bradford have planned a transition project this year based around a text which children will study this half term and then continue in Autumn 2020. Last week, I travelled to Bradford to collect a copy of the text for each child in Year 6 and they can be collected from school on Wednesday and Thursday this week with the work packs which we are copying. Children in school have started studying the text in English this week and these lessons will be posted on the VLE next week for children at home. Even if you normally don't pick up a work pack, we will label a plastic wallet with the book in it for you and leave it in the box. If you wish to be included now in the work packs, please email homelearning@baildonce.co.uk.

We would still like to have some end of year recognition for the children in Year 6 to mark this rite of passage to secondary school and we are currently investigating different avenues to see if these are feasible whilst also keeping to social distancing rules. For the moment, we are unable to share details of these plans with you but we ask that children keep from 3.30pm to 5pm free on Thursday 16th July and, if the weather is unsuitable, the same time on Monday, 20th July.

Canon Sandra is also going to record a special service which we will broadcast on Tuesday, 21st July at 6pm and we would like your assistance in this. Please can we ask you to upload to the VLE by Friday, 10th July:

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- A baby picture of your child
- A short recording of a memory which can be as far back as Nursery, but may be as recent as March. Mrs Adams will send further guidance about this.

We will send you further details about the Service nearer the time.

Mrs Illingworth and Mrs Steer are also organising a virtual photograph and will be in contact with you with further details of this.

Mr Van Der Gucht was delighted with the response to his live streaming lesson on Friday and this week Mr Holliday is planning a fun quiz with children on Friday at 10am again. We will send you out a link later in the week. Children can interact and send their answers to Mr Van Der Gucht via the VLE.

Keeping the school community in our prayers.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Mary Connor
Headteacher

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