



Sutton in Craven Community Primary School

9 June 2020

Dear Parents,

We would like to offer you our reassurances that we continue to hold your child's best interests at heart over the next weeks before the end of the school year and, indeed, their primary education.

Events such as we have experienced over the last few months could not have been predicted. We know that many of you, and your children, will be anxious and disappointed that Y6's are unlikely to spend time in school before they leave to go to their secondary schools and that they may miss out on many of the traditional Leavers rites of passage. This year really hasn't turned out as we had planned at all!

However, we would like to offer you reassurance on several counts.

Firstly, we continue to liaise with the secondary schools to understand what transition experiences they intend to put in place to support our pupils. I know that South Craven have created transition support of a virtual format and all parents should have received an email regarding this. We have arranged a Zoom meeting for all year 6 pupils with Miss Dunkley and Mr Hughes and will let you know more about this once a date has been confirmed. We will also support our pupils via Google Classroom through a range of activities (both online and practical) to prepare them emotionally and mentally for the move to their new school. Working virtually is not ideal, but together we must work with what we have to provide the best we can for our children.

Secondly, we can assure you that we will not let our Year 6 pupils leave us uncelebrated. Some of the traditional rites of passage (eg: hoodies, slideshows, leavers scrolls, poems, etc) can still take place; some may still be done but in a different format (eg: assemblies) and some celebrations can be done at a later time when we are all able to safely gather again.

Finally, we would like to explain to you that, if your child is conscientiously accessing and completing the work that we set each day on Google Classroom and is self-motivated in doing so, then they will be more than adequately prepared for the work they will do once they start their new schools in September. The work we set for them will be very similar to what we have given Year 6 pupils over the past few years in their last half term at school. Your child will only fall behind if they are not attempting to complete this work each day.



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As always, you and your child have our continued support whether they are working from school or at home. Your children should be aware (through letters Miss Dunkley posts on Google Classroom) of how we intend to support them over the coming weeks. Please make sure they have read these. Miss Dunkley is more than happy to answer any questions and take on board any suggestions you or your child may have regarding the work we set and ideas for how we can deliver Leavers celebrations this year.

All the very best to you and your families; may we see one another again soon, in happier times.

Miss D xxx