



# BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, thank you for the many kind words and support that have been given this week. To have 7 members of staff required to self-isolate whilst also having 2 classes and their staff out due to a positive COVID case has meant the school has faced extreme challenge this week. The staff who have been able to be in school have done the most fantastic job in keeping everything going and I would like to thank each and every one of them for their flexibility at this difficult time. It is not the last week of term we would wish for, but we are looking forward to welcoming back all the children and staff who are able to return to school next week.

As I write this letter there is an ever changing picture with regards to COVID. Whilst we know that virtually all legal restrictions are being lifted on Monday 19th July there are ongoing conversations nationally about the steep rise in cases. I know this is the case locally too. I was hoping to end the term by confirming what our arrangements will be in September but realistically I think it makes more sense to do this much nearer to the start of term. We are hoping that arrangements will be closer to normal but, as I say, I will confirm this nearer the time. For the remaining two days of the school term we would ask that everyone continues with all of the safety measures we currently have in place please. This means still wearing face coverings on the school site, following the one way system and arriving at the staggered times. We will continue all of our existing health and safety practices in school. I hope by working in partnership we can ensure children, parents and staff start the school holidays as planned, and not in isolation or unwell.

On Monday morning next week we will be holding our transition morning. This means that the children will get to spend some time with their new teachers, teaching assistants and classmates. We will be doing this outside as far as possible but will ensure that the children also get to go in and see their classroom for September.

As previously notified, we are finishing early on Tuesday, the last day of this school year. Years 2, 4 & 6 will finish at 1.05pm, and all other year groups will finish at 1.15pm. If you are unable to pick your child up at this time please don't worry as they will be able to stay until the end of the day, but please do let us know if this is the case if you haven't already done so.

Please remember that our school uniform is available to buy from Conceptwear in Weston-super-Mare. We will be expecting all children to return to school for the new school year in the expected uniform, PE kit and shoes please.

Finally, as you are already aware, we say farewell next week to Mr Summers and Mrs Duckett. They will both be sorely missed but we know they are ready for the exciting new chapters that lie ahead. We wish



them the best of luck and look forward to hearing about how they are getting on. We also wish our Year 6 the very best of luck as they leave us and move on to secondary school. This class were the reception class when I started as the Headteacher at Banwell so they are the first cohort I have had the privilege of seeing go all the way through the school. Tuesday is going to be a tough day!

Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine!

*Claire*

Claire Pocock  
Headteacher

