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Dear Year 6 parents and carers

Since our return to school on the 8th March following the third national lockdown, it has been a pleasure to see pupils back in their classrooms with their teachers and friends enjoying a more 'normal' experience.

However, a lot of school days have been lost in the past year and, in view of this, we have decided that Year 6 pupils will not sit SATs papers in May. Instead, we will use the Summer Term to help our pupils to become 'secondary school ready'.

Colleagues from across the Trust have developed a programme centred around key skills needed for Key Stage 3 in English, Mathematics, Science and PSHE which our Year 6 teachers will deliver. Particularly in the second half of the Summer Term there will also be secondary teachers working in our primary schools to deliver lessons and to get to know the pupils.

Pastoral staff from our secondary schools will also be visiting to work with class teachers, meet pupils and to ensure that the knowledge gained will enable a smooth transition from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3. As parents and carers you will also play a key role in this important process.

We will have our usual transition days but with additional days for those pupils who require a longer time for familiarisation.

Because of COVID restrictions, insurance uncertainties and the need to maintain our bubbles, we will not be holding our usual Year 6 end of year production and most of our summer trips will take the form of day visits rather than residential. We will be holding sports days, but this will take place in bubbles and without parents present.

Rest assured, each CELT primary school will be marking the end of primary education with their pupils in a COVID-secure, celebratory manner. However, I am sure you will agree with us that our priority has got to be to ensure your children are prepared for secondary school and looking forward with confidence to the next stage of their education journey.

Our sincere thanks for the support you give to our schools and should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your school.

Kindest regards

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