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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come towards the end of, what has been a very challenging academic year I wanted to contact you to say thank you for all your support and to say that I appreciate how difficult things have been for all of you and for the staff in school. We have the best team in school, who have worked exceptionally hard during the most challenging of years.

We have been instructed by the Local Authority that in Primary Schools Covid Risk Assessment control measures and current arrangements should continue until the end of this term; therefore, they will continue until then at Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School. I will write to you over the summer to let you know about Sept plans and arrangements.

Covid restrictions change in England from Mon 19th July 2021: no limit on meeting people but try to meet others outside where possible; people currently working from home should return to the workplace gradually; nightclubs open and a return to full capacity for theatre and cinema audiences; businesses and large events encouraged to use Covid-certification to limit the spread of the virus; face coverings recommended in crowded public spaces, such as public transport; and social distancing no longer mandatory.

Isolation rules are not changing from 19th July 2021. This means that if your child has been asked to self-isolate by school, they absolutely must do so for the full isolation period. Isolation will change from 16th August 2021.

There are several things happening next week:

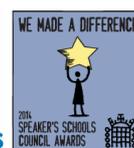
We are kicking the week off with the Olympics which will go on all through the week. There are lots of exciting activities planned. Children should wear their PE kits and trainers to school each day so that they are comfortable and ready to take part. They have also been asked to wear something that is the colour of their school House. Those unsure about which house they are in, need to clarify this with the teacher.

Monday, 19th July: 100% Attendance Awards- children with 100% attendance for this academic year will receive a certificate and badge.

Tuesday, 20th July: Governor Award Celebration- one child from each class will receive a certificate and trophy from the Governors for all round excellence.

Thursday, 22nd July: 250 Dojo Awards- certificates and trophies will be awarded.

Thursday, 22nd July: Yr 6 Treat- as part of the leaving celebrations for Year 6 children, a waffle van will come to school and they will have waffles in the afternoon as a treat.



Thursday, 22nd July: School Picnic- we have planned a **whole school picnic**. If your child brings a packed lunch, please send this in as usual that day. Children who have school dinners will be provided with a picnic lunch and then all the children and staff will eat their lunch outside on the grass. This is weather permitting.

Friday, 23rd July: Olympic Award Ceremony will take place.

Friday, 23rd July: Leaving Celebrations

The Y6 leavers' arrangements will have to be a little different this year but we are trying our best to make their last day at Gorse Hall as special and as fabulous as possible. The children in Year 6 will have a class party with pizzas on the morning of 23rd July. Due to the Covid situation at present in school and locally, school will not be inviting parents into school for a Leavers' Assembly. This will be recorded so will be on the website during the afternoon of Friday, 23rd July and we will send parents a link. Parents are invited to school for 3:30 pm on that day to be part of the Leavers' Farewell outside and are asked to socially distance and wear face coverings. You need to stand around the Nursery path area as this is where the farewell will take place.

Just to keep you informed, there will be lots of workmen in school over the summer holidays as Tameside have planned to fit solar panels, a new boiler and to change some of the lighting to LED. We are also having a canopy fitted in the Reception playground and there is decoration being carried out and new carpets fitted. It will really be very busy.

Finally, I just wanted to reiterate my thanks to you for supporting your child and school this year- it is very much appreciated. To those moving on to new schools, we wish you well and know you will all do your very best and be a credit to yourselves and your families.

Have a lovely, safe summer and we look forward to seeing you all back in school in September.

Yours sincerely



Miss A Flood
Headteacher

