

CHAPMANSLADE CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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18th June 2020

Dear parents,

It has been lovely to see so many children back in school, and enjoying the learning, the social company, and the routine of the school day again.

All the staff have seen the positive impact that returning to school has had on the children; our only regret is that we have had to limit the number of children that we can welcome back.

With that in mind, I want to make an unusual request. I would like your child's last day in school this term to be Tuesday 14th July and to request that you make alternate arrangements for your child's home learning for the final three days of term 15th to 17th July.

If you are able to do this, it will allow me to put vital support in place for two very important transitions:

- Firstly, I will be able to set up visiting days for our new-to-Reception starters. We want to give our pre-schoolers, who would usually undertake a carefully planned transition, the opportunity to visit the school and to meet Mrs McDowall at least once before they make that all-important transition to 'big' school.
- Secondly, I will be able to mark the significant milestone for our current Year 6 pupils of leaving primary school. This cohort have been so sadly deprived of all the rites of passage usually associated with being in year 6. We have not seen many of them since 20th March and we feel it is vitally important to give them the opportunity to come back and say goodbye to staff and to each other.

The full detail of what we can offer year 6 pupils in particular will be dependent on the prevailing laws for social distancing in July, but I will need an empty school in order to undertake the necessary deep cleaning and rearrangement of furniture and resources, and to maintain the overall permitted number of people on site.

I do hope that you can understand why I have made the unusual request that your child completes the last few days of term home learning. If you are **unable** to make your own arrangements after 14th July, please email <u>admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk</u> as soon as possible but **no later than Friday 26th June**. If I have not heard from you by Friday 26th June, your child's last day in school will be Tuesday 14th July.

Many thanks in advance for your help in allowing us to support our YR and Y6 transition pupils.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Chapman