



**Important Updates for all pupils currently attending school**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Dear Parents,

**Year 6 pupils will finish on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July . School will finish for all pupils on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. .**

**The school will be closed on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** as this will be used as training for staff.

My reasons for this is to ensure we are ready to open to all pupils on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, if guidance from the DFE allow us to do this (due to come out in the next few weeks). We do not want to delay getting pupils back by having staff training at the start of next term. This year we have missed two training days in order to remain open for our pupils of keyworkers and vulnerable pupils.

Meon Junior School has endeavored to remain open to families who have needed us throughout the pandemic wherever possible. This was not an easy decision to close on 22<sup>nd</sup> July but it is needed by us to be able to prepare. All staff currently able to be in school are working fulltime hours so this time is needed.

Presently, the government has not directed schools to continue to be open over the summer holidays so we will be closed. I will of course, find out as much information as I can about what is available across the city to support working parents.

I have considered whether it is possible to give face to face transition to all our pupils at the end of term and unfortunately, I cannot see how this will be achieved whilst following current DFE guidelines. Your child's safety is my number one priority and I feel to take any risk now would not be wise. I have prioritised transition for our new year 3 pupils who will be joining us in September. They will be moving to a new school and we all know the worries that go along with that. There will be virtual meet organised for your children with their new teachers in September as well as an opportunity to have a virtual meet with their current teachers.

I am confident that we will be able to support your child's smooth transition back to school in September. We are working hard at the moment to plan a return that will support the losses your child may have experienced during lockdown such as routine, friendships, structure, freedom and opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the most challenging term I have every experienced as a head teacher.

Warm Regards

Mrs Sara Paine