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***'Placing learning at the heart of everything we do'***

**3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020**

**RE: End of term finishing date Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020.**

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your continued patience, understanding and cooperation during these incredibly taxing times.

Over the past week we have heard the Prime Minister announce to the country that all children 'will' be returning to school in September. We have now received the additional detailed guidance from the DFE and Government on the practicalities and challenges of all children returning to school in September. Planning for the full reopening of a school to all children in these circumstances is very complicated.

The most important thing for us is that the decisions we make will ensure that Priestley children, staff and parents can be kept safe. To help us all remain safe and continue to provide an education for our children, we will need to assess any potential risks that should be mitigated before reopening, such as risk of infection or unsafe premises.

In this instance, we are continuing to work behind the scenes to ready ourselves for the new academic year - in order to ensure that we are fully ready to start back with all children in school we are planning to do the following things (although these are subject to change as a result of additional Government announcements which may occur over the coming weeks):

In looking ahead and to meet the new expectations and precautionary measures, we have decided to take the decision that we will be finishing school this year on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 3:00p.m.**

During the three days at the end of this term (of which one was already a TD day) we plan to:

- ✓ provide all staff with renewed training to ensure that we are all able to keep all 30+ children in each class as safe as possible.
- ✓ reformat and restructure **all** the classrooms to cater for 30+ children whilst also allowing for as much social distancing as possible and learning to continue.
- ✓ ensure all our shared areas are safe.
- ✓ train staff on how we will operate a recovery curriculum to ensure children get the best start back at school.
- ✓ review safeguarding procedures.

These three days at the end of term will allow us to be as prepared as we can for reopening safely to the whole Priestley community in September. **The official date for us all to return to school is Tuesday 1st September 2020.**

As we exit lockdown and return to normality, we want you to know that we intend to work harder than ever to ensure that your children get the best education possible at Priestley, so we will be seeking to improve what we do and innovate further.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Stay safe and stay well.

*Mr Marsh-Ballard*