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Dear Parents/Carers,

Provision for Year R, 1 and 6

As I mentioned last week, we are now accommodating 178 children in school in 13 separate groups. We would love to have more children in school and we are working out plans to try and accomplish this. I will be writing to you on Monday with details of these plans – so please keep an eye out for that letter Monday afternoon/evening.

Provision for Children of Critical Workers

Please continue to complete the weekly Google Form as we will need to know numbers for Breakfast and After-School Club. The Google Form for the 29th June is below and it would be helpful if this was completed by next Thursday.

Childcare Provision (w/c 29th June 2020): <https://forms.gle/rEFyUyULMVJsZivBA>

If you are a key worker and are accessing our Breakfast and After-School Club, then children can be dropped off and picked up from the BASC entrance alongside the school office. If you are not using Breakfast & After-School Club then please enter school through the playground with everyone else.

Summer Holiday Club

On Monday, we will be sending out a ParentMail to all parents to gauge interest for the provision of a Summer Holiday Club. During the COVID-19 outbreak, we offered a childcare provision free of charge during the Easter and May half-term holidays. Sadly, this is something that we are not able to continue and therefore will be making a charge of £30 per day (8am to 5.30pm) or £100 for the week.

Black Lives Matter

On Tuesday, I published an **Act of Worship** on the school website responding to the Black Lives Matter protests which have been taking place across the country and at which Bishop Rose spoke in Canterbury last Saturday. If you have not yet had the opportunity to listen to her speaking, I would urge all our parents to do so.

<https://youtu.be/qUBngem8bws>

This week, the teachers have been sharing this Act of Worship with their groups and have had some very profound and in-depth discussions.



One of our **Christian Values** is compassion and it is this compassion for all people that means we need to teach our children to challenge inequality and discrimination in all its forms.



We all have a responsibility to promote equality and celebrate diversity and, as we continue to develop our school curriculum, this is one of our core aims.

PGL Trips (Year 6 and Year 5)

On Thursday, I finally managed to get hold of PGL and they confirmed to me that the Year 6 trip which was planned for July will not be going ahead. Given the circumstances, I'm not surprised by this although I'm sure that the Year 6 children will be bitterly disappointed. I know that there has been a great deal of negative press coverage about PGL but I have to say that this was not my experience; the representative I spoke to was very helpful and I'm very pleased that we will be able to offer all parents of Year 6 children a full refund. Please bear with us whilst we make these arrangements as it may take a couple of weeks to arrange.

As a precaution, we have also postponed the PGL trip which was due to take place in September (current Year 5 children). This will now take place between Friday 14th May and Monday 17th May 2021 after the children have completed their Year 6 SATs. I will be writing to Year 5 parents separately about this early in the new academic year.

We are hoping that the planned residential trip to Bore Place (current Year 4 children) can still go ahead in early October as we will have sole use of the facilities. Again, we will be writing to parents with more information closer to the time.

Kent Test

Registration for the Kent Test opened on Monday 1st June and closes on Wednesday 1st July. I'm afraid that we are still awaiting an update from the DfE and therefore have to work on the assumption that this will still take place early September. All information pertaining to the Kent Test can be found on the [Transition into Secondary School](#) pages on our school website.

Parental Survey

Thank you for everyone who completed the Parental Survey. Mr Taylor and I will start looking at the results next week and we will be putting together some feedback for parents which we will be shared with you all.

Toilet Refurbishment

Earlier this week, Mr Moon and I met with the contractor who will be refurbishing the toilets and we need the children's help with the most important decision of all – choosing the colour scheme!

You know how much I love a Google Form(!) and we've selected a number of colour schemes for the children to vote for. Please click the attached form and get the children to choose their three favourite colour pairs; each set of toilets will have their own colour scheme.

Toilet Refurbishment: <https://forms.gle/Lm2Kg6gJyEE9hW5C9>

This needs to be completed by Thursday and we'll unveil the winners on Friday.

With best wishes,



James Tibbles

What colour schemes do you like? (choose 3 max)

 <input type="checkbox"/> Option 1	 <input type="checkbox"/> Option 2
 <input type="checkbox"/> Option 3	 <input type="checkbox"/> Option 4
 <input type="checkbox"/> Option 5	 <input type="checkbox"/> Option 6
 <input type="checkbox"/> Option 7	 <input type="checkbox"/> Option 8
 <input type="checkbox"/> Option 9	 <input type="checkbox"/> Option 10