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Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week, we start to welcome back some of our children for their 'transition' sessions. Children do not need to wear school uniform for these sessions and can be dropped-off and picked-up from the school gate on the playground. They may wish to bring a water bottle and a healthy snack.

At the end of their session, they will be given a plastic bag which will contain any items that remain in school as well as their end-of-year report.

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 remainder of the term is below and it would be helpful if this was completed by next Thursday.

If you have not used this provision before, please do not complete without contacting the school as we may not be able to offer a space due to high demand.

Childcare Provision (13th to 21st July 2020): <https://forms.gle/MszfQ3diZmxFX3fn8>

Parent Survey Results

At the weekend, I spent some time going through the results from the Parental Survey and I'd like to take this final opportunity to thank those who took the time to complete this. We had 117 responses and whilst it isn't possible or appropriate to share every comment that was written, please be assured that all comments will be read and reflected upon by myself alongside the Senior Leadership Team. You can review the outcomes on the [Parent Survey](#) section of our school website.

I will also be meeting with governors and the Parent Council to discuss the outcomes from the survey and it is clear that the two concerns that parents have are: (1) their children's mental and emotional health and (2) catching up on their academic attainment and these will form the basis of our plans for the coming year.



Arrangements for Next Year

Yesterday, government guidance was published on what schools should look like come the new academic year. I will be reviewing this over the weekend and hope to be able to share what this means for Bridge School next week.

End-of-Term Arrangements

Please remember that term will finish on Tuesday 21st July although we will be inviting the Year 6 children back on the morning of Wednesday 22nd July for their final 'celebration'. Sadly, we are unable to invite parents to this.



Summer Holiday Club

We are now taking bookings for our Summer Holiday Club which will be run by Charley and Elena. You would have received a ParentMail from Mrs Readman and can book on the ParentMail system.

FSM Eligibility

Over the course of the lockdown, many of your financial circumstances may have changed and families may now be eligible for Free School Meals. This means that you will be eligible for the EdenRed vouchers over the summer holidays. The application process is very simple and the outcome is returned with 24 hours.

Apply for Free School Meals: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

Bridge Bees (BASC)

On Monday, there will be a letter coming home to all parents asking them to register for our Before & After-School provision from September. We will be moving our booking system to ParentMail and also asking parents to complete a new registration form to ensure that we have the most up-to-date contact details for your children.



Due to the high level of demand, please note that we can only guarantee spaces for children whose parents have booked. Whilst we will always do our best to accommodate ad-hoc bookings, this may not always be possible where having extra children would cause us to exceed our child-to-adult ratios.

Bringing in Sweets

Could I please ask parents that, given the current circumstances, sweets are not brought in to school for birthdays.

T-Shirt Design Competition - Win your T-shirt & a Wilson Tennis Racquet

It's Children's Art Week & World Allergy Week and so we're asking you to help us raise money to help support allergy sufferers all over the UK.

Can you create a design for the Sadie Bristow Foundation's T-shirts? A template has been emailed to all parents via ParentMail and you can enter as many designs as you like. Take a picture or scan your design & send it to info@sadiebristowfoundation or through our social media then follow @sadiebristow_foundation on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook and vote for your favourite designs. The winning designer will get their T-shirt, a Wilson tennis racquet & see their designs printed as a limited edition T-shirt available to buy. To find out more visit <https://www.sadiebristowfoundation.org.uk/>



With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Tibbles'.

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