



30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I cannot quite believe that we are once again thinking about the arrangements for the end of Year 6 – and having to adapt and do things very differently than how we usually would. With only 18 schools days left (how did that happen?), I would like to inform you about the things that we have planned for the children. They - finally - managed to get to their Robinwood trip which was fantastic and have a brilliant activity week coming up. With this in mind, please be extra careful to adhere to the government guidance and consider reducing the mixing you and your children do on the run up to this as we would hate a bubble closure to spoil this or any of the final weeks they have left.

On the final day, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, we would ordinarily hold a Leavers' Assembly in the hall for the parents. However, as you are aware, due to Covid restrictions, this is not able to go ahead in its usual format. This does not mean, though, that we are just cancelling the event. Instead, we are trying to work around things and still allow our pupils to experience as much of a 'normal' end of primary school as we can. Our usual Leavers' Assembly will be filmed in school and, nearer the time, we will send out the link for this for you to share and enjoy with your children in the comfort of your own home. Like last year, we will produce a 'Year Book' which includes photographs of the children and messages from staff. The children will be presented with a paper copy of this each.

Along with this, we are hoping to hold an outdoor 'graduation ceremony' on the final day. This will be held at 11am, just before the children leave at 12pm. For this ceremony, we are allowing up to 2 parents to attend for each child. The plan will be for the ceremony to take place outside with parents sat in groups of up to 30 – which is what Covid restrictions are currently allowing. After the ceremony, the pupils will return to the building whilst we ask the parents to exit through the top gate and line up ready to greet their children as they leave.

If you wish to attend the above event, please complete the slip below and send it back into school. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we can only allow those who return their form to attend. Please ensure it is returned by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Kind regards

Mrs K Thornburn





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Name of child \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to attend the event at 11am on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ places. (Up to 2 places available per child)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

