



Dear Parents/Guardians

23 June 2020

Summer Closure

Both Boldmere Schools will close on the Friday 17 July and anticipate re-opening to children on Thursday 3 September. Any changes in relation to the return to school date, will of course, be communicated as soon as we have a better understanding of what the future return to school may look like.

The decision to close both schools to all pupils, even those of keyworkers, for the summer holidays, has been made by the Full Governing Board. The decision for summer closure has not been taken lightly and government guidance has also been carefully considered. The update from the Regional Schools Commissioner is that “the Governments’ ambition is that providers running previously planned clubs and activities for children over the summer holidays in school, will be safe to open, if the science allows”. On this basis, we do not intend schools to open for vulnerable children and children of critical keyworkers over the summer period.

Many of our staff in school are employed term time only and we all played our crucial role to keep the schools open over the Easter and Whitsun holidays, so we feel that we have played our part in dealing with the prolonged effects of the pandemic.

The Governing Board of our Federated Schools unanimously agreed that we all need a break now, including the children who have been accessing school or working hard at home with you.

We feel that by informing you now of our summer closure, it allows you as much notice as possible to make whatever arrangements you will need in place for your families over the summer.

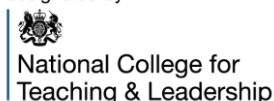
Thank you in advance of your support and co-operation of this announced school closure.

Mrs Silverwood’s continued absence

I would like to thank all those kind and supportive parents/carers who have been enquiring about the welfare of Mrs Silverwood.

You may already be aware that, unfortunately, due to ill health reasons, Mrs Silverwood continues to be absent from school. Please accept my apologies for not letting you know sooner, but Mrs Silverwood will not be returning to school or working in any capacity in this academic year.

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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

It is very unfortunate that Mrs Silverwood has not been in school. However, it is important for me to reassure parents/carers that Mrs Silverwood's prolonged absence is not related to any life threatening illness. Her ongoing medical assessments by the hospital and by her doctor have confirmed that she is unable to work.

Mrs Silverwood has certainly been missed as the Head of School and I am sure you will join us in wishing her well.

Staff Leavers

It is quite normal that at the end of an academic year (even one as challenging as this) that I write to inform you of the staff who are leaving us and not returning in September.

This year is indeed not different. Mr Roberts, our amazing Assistant Headteacher, has made the incredibly difficult decision to leave Boldmere Juniors and move onto pastures new. Mr Roberts has worked in education since 2001, enjoying 19 wonderful years. He joined the junior school in 2010 on a contract to cover a maternity leave. It did not take me long to recognise that we had a really talented teacher on our hands and I was not going to miss the opportunity of recruiting Mr Roberts permanently. After ten incredible years, Mr Roberts is leaving us and I am sure you will join me in wishing him and his wonderful family all the very best for their next chapter in their lives.

I have been very fortunate to have been able to manage and work with great teaching staff. Mr Roberts has not just been great, he has been a very special teacher who goes above and beyond to ensure that he does the very best for all children he works with. In my ten years of working with Mr Roberts, firstly in his capacity as a teacher, then a Senior Leader and also in his role as Assistant Headteacher, he has been relentless in ensuring that he gives his very best to Boldmere. I really cannot thank him enough for all he has done and the ten years of outstanding service he has given to our Boldmere community. He has always possessed a 'can do' attitude and has been instrumental in the many successes that Boldmere has enjoyed over his ten year career with us. He has been a fantastic member of staff and of course we are all sad to see him leave but wish him every success for the future.

Having spoken to Mr Roberts regularly about his difficult decision to leave Boldmere, I know he has absolutely loved being part of the Boldmere team. Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, we cannot say our 'goodbyes' to Mr Roberts in the normal way.

It has been a pleasure working with you Mr Roberts and your passion, enthusiasm and dedication to Boldmere will never be forgotten. All the very best for the future!

School Term Dates 2020-2021

See attached a copy of the school term dates for the new academic year 2020/21.

Information for parents/carers of children in year 5

Re: Wolverhampton Girls' High School – entrance test and information

Should you be interested in finding out more information regarding the above, please register for the entrance test via the website www.wghs.org.uk The closing date to register is 3 July 2020, with the test planned for September.

Fundraising for the Little Princess Trust

One of our pupils (Noah S) has been supporting the Little Princess Trust by growing his hair so that it could be cut in March to raise funds for this charity. Due to COVID-19 and the subsequent closure of the hairdressers, Noah has not yet been able to have his haircut but will do so as soon as hairdressers re-open.

During this time, Noah has continued to grow his hair. He has reached both his first target of £550 and his second target of £700. A great achievement!

Should anyone like to know more about Noah's fundraising challenge, please see the link below

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/noahshields

Yours sincerely

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