



Friday 11th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to the final half-term of this academic year. We are very much looking forward to another exciting and enjoyable half-term at Rackham. The next six weeks at school will be very busy but covid restrictions will heavily influence how events are run so we will share calendar dates with you once we receive updated guidance from the Government and Local Authority.

We will be having sports days for the children this year and I know our pupils are excited about this! Sadly, we will not be able to have parents and adult spectators. Instead we will be making some videos and adding these to Tapestry and Seesaw so you can see what the children have been doing. We recognise how disappointing this will be to our parent community, but rest assured the children will be cheered on and enjoying themselves.

Covid-19 safety measures:

It is vital for our school community to understand that despite restrictions being lifted in other sectors, our risk assessment remains the same at this time in order to protect staff and pupils as much as possible. Many schools across the country are still reporting bubble closures and this remains a possibility at Rackham. For this reason, our swimming pool will remain closed this half-term.

As parents and carers you have been absolutely brilliant at following the safety measures at drop off and pick up time and once again we want to thank you all for the way in which you have supported us. We really enjoy the upbeat spirit when we play music in the mornings so have decided that every Friday we will celebrate our week by playing music as pupils arrive to school.

I have a meeting with the Local Authority next week to discuss the next stage of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown and how this will impact on schools. I will write to you with any updated information following this.

New Deputy Head Appointed:

I am saddened to inform you that Mrs. Baxter, our deputy headteacher, will be leaving Rackham at the end of this term. Mrs. Baxter is relocating to Saudi Arabia in September. Staff are very envious of the photographs we have seen and we wish her all the best in her new home. Towards the end of term we will be celebrating Mrs. Baxter's time at Rackham and thanking her for the years of dedication to our pupils.

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Turner has been appointed Deputy Headteacher at Rackham and will be stepping into Mrs. Baxter's role. From September 2021, Miss. Turner will join Mrs. Ward who returns from her maternity leave and I am confident they will achieve great things for Rackham in our continued strive for excellence.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs B. Harrison
Headteacher