

PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a year it has been! Open, locked down, bubbles, 25 risk assessments and much much more.

We recognise that 20/21 has been even more challenging than the last academic year for everyone associated with the school. What has made this year so awe inspiring is the way that everyone connected with us has done all they can to support our children, staff and the wider school community. Families – you have been amazing and we thank you for everything you have done for us.

I would also like to thank our governing body for all they do behind the scenes that is supportive, and for the level of challenge they offer us which is so important in continuing our constant journey of school improvement.

School Adaptions for September '21

Having consulted with parents, staff and the governing body we have agreed the following:

- The school will continue to have additional cleaning in the school day in Term 1 - this will be reviewed as we monitor the infection rate and could continue beyond this.
- PE kit will continue to be worn on PE days.
- Parents meetings will be hosted online using Teams and supplemented with opportunities to visit the school site to see books and learning outcomes.
- Assemblies will remain online with a phased return to using the school hall as a whole school.
- Peripatetic music lessons will continue to be delivered remotely outside of the school day maximising school curriculum opportunities.
- The school day has been adjusted to allow for a slightly staggered drop off and pick up:

EYFS and KS1 – 8.45- 3.15

KS2 – 8.40-3.20

Everything else will return to normal, with no bubbles, one way systems or face coverings. We will return to a full curriculum with trips and visitors and a continued emphasis on supporting our children academically and pastorally as we move forward with the government road map.

Sport at School

From September the school will be working with a new sports provider to deliver PE lessons in KS2, after school sports clubs and holiday cover. We would like to thank Future Stars for all of the hard work and support for the school, with particular thanks to Matt Carpenter. Gym Clubs, who many of you will know, will be providing coaching and after school sports clubs. A letter from Gym Clubs has been sent out with this communication. **This does not affect the Playstation and the Future Stars holiday club this summer.**

Goodbyes

So as we move towards our final day I would like to say a massive thank you and congratulations on a job well done to all of our school staff and contractors. I am often asked what I am most proud of in our school: the inspirational children and the dedicated and caring staff. I feel blessed to have such a wonderful team!

So a fond farewell, thank you and good luck to:

Mrs Morgan – good luck in your new teaching job at St Marks Primary!

Miss Woodyatt – will be smashing her teacher training in September.

Mrs Payne - good luck in the USA!

On Wednesday we will say goodbye to our last cohort of 90. This year 6 have faced more challenge than any and we couldn't be more proud of the way that they have conducted themselves. They are a very special year group and we are proud of each and every one of them.

So goodbye to them and the families we will be saying farewell to, goodbye to those others in the school moving on to pastures new.

Have a wonderful summer when Wednesday 3.20pm comes, stay safe, stay cool if you can and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind Regards,

Richard Riordan

Headteacher