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Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

One of the best things about summer in schools is watching the children enjoying themselves competing in their Sports Day events and sharing this with the wider school community.

I am truly sorry to say that, this year, we will not be able to allow adults to attend the school Sports Day and would like to explain why. As you know, during this year, tight national restrictions have been reflected at Bayside. We have been limited within our activities and have followed government guidance about not letting anyone into our school unless this is necessary to support the direct education of the children. All of this governmental guidance is still required of us, and makes welcoming significant numbers of adults onto the school site for a prolonged period extremely challenging.

We are also bound to the rule of 30, the legal gathering limit. The fact that no more than 30 people are allowed to congregate, even if outside, in one group would mean that practically we would have to limit all children to one adult attending and this would not be fair on our families, particularly where there is shared custody of children.

Senior Leaders at school debated the prospect of single class Sports Days where we limited the number of adults attending and then shortened the length of the event. To do this safely, including allowing time to let parents access the site and then leave, we would have to hold events that would be 45 minutes long. Clearly this would not provide the children with enough time for a meaningful Sports Day and we will always place the children first in all of our decisions.

As you can see, the guidance that we must abide by for a little longer has frustrated us yet again. However, safety must always come first. To this end, we will still separate our Sports Days, with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 having their event on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 having theirs on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their P.E. kits on their respective days.

It really feels like we are coming to the end of the need for social distancing, hand sanitiser and face masks, and we can be hopeful for the future. Fingers crossed.

With warmest wishes as always,

Mr Vernon, Principal



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## Transition Week

This year, we will experiment with placing children in their new classes for 1 week. This is to allow the children to develop their relationship with the adults that will support them from September and allow them to feel confident about returning to school in the new year. Any pupils on the SEN register will also have their passports updated by their new teachers at this time. We hope that these measures will support a smooth transition to new classes.

## Year 6 Graduation

Graduation for Year 6 pupils will occur on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. This is after the next government announcement about Covid19 restrictions and we hope to hold the graduation inside the hall, with a celebratory event afterwards. If this is not possible we will aim to graduate the pupils outside, restrictions permitting.



## Trips and Donations

We will continue to work hard to arrange for school trips to support our curriculum, as we know this is such an effective way for our children to learn. If we do not receive donations for these trips, then the shortfall in money has to come from the school directly. Budgets have come under increasing strain in the last few years, and the reality is that if payments are not made for trips, then these, or future trips that are planned, may have to be cancelled.

## Domestic Abuse Awareness

A poster is attached with contact details for anyone suffering currently, or historically, from the effects of domestic abuse. Please feel free to share this information with others who are in need – we know nationally the cases of domestic abuse through the pandemic have significantly risen.

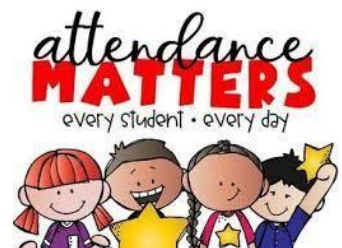
## Leaving Children at Home Unattended

This link provides useful information about leaving children unattended at home and is well worth a read:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/in-the-home/home-alone/>

## Attendance

Congratulations to 2LW who were the class with the highest attendance last week – **100%** - and to 4KH who were the class with the highest attendance this week - **98.9%** !



Average % for the week:

Week	RAD	RRL	1SW	2LW	2MA	3HC	3NT	4KH	5JW	5KR	6BC	6RM
8.6	95	98	95	100	98	93	98	97	94	94	95	95
14.6	96	94	94	92	98	89	88	99	94	92	93	98

## High Expectations lead to High Achievers

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