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Dear parent/carer

The academic year started with great plans to continue with the developments that have seen the school grow from strength to strength over recent years. What no one really saw coming was the continuation of Coronavirus and its implications. This has had a significant impact on our plans as a school – but still we flourish. Staff were asked to adapt, with very little notice, to online learning. As you will imagine, attempting to shift weeks of carefully coordinated lesson planning, content and skills progression into online learning was difficult, but Wycliffe staff rose to the challenge. Staff have worked hard to try and meet the needs of all pupils and as we come to the end of this term many are more tired than I have seen them in some time.

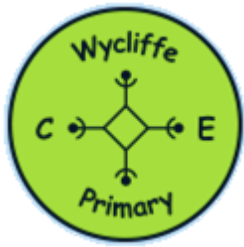
There was no time to coach the children, to prepare them. We know that some students have thrived and some have found the lack of daily interaction in a classroom setting very challenging. Reception families in particular, came to a setting that they had never even entered before, waved goodbye to each other and commenced their Wycliffe journey. I can whole-heartedly say that each and every child has flourished and gone from strength to strength. This is testament to the resilience and positivity within themselves and the trust their families put in us. Thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to also thank families for their support in these difficult circumstances. Gifts, cards, messages of hope and appreciation have been shared with all and we are truly lifted by the many kind words that show that you care about us as much as we care about you.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention those Year 6 students who are coming to the end of their time at Wycliffe. The strange end to their time at school is very difficult to take in. The lack of opportunity to properly celebrate their time as members of our community has been difficult. They have missed out on leavers' assemblies, proms and the informal goodbyes that mark the summer term. I would like to wish them well on the next stage of their journey and want to thank them for being a most up-lifting and positively minded cohort throughout their years here. I know that our new students joining us in September 2021 will bring many talents to continue the increased success that the school has enjoyed over the course of the last years.

Uniform

Full school uniform will be in place as normal from September 2021. The uniform will be unchanged in September. All students must follow this. Details are available on the school website in our updated prospectus – page 25.



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<https://wycliffeprimary.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Wycliffe-2021-Prospectus.pdf> I politely ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child comes to school in the correct uniform. A reminder too regarding no jewellery and to ONLY use clear water bottles, available to purchase from the office.

New Staff

As you are fully aware - will be saying goodbye to a small number of staff and welcoming new members of staff to Wycliffe Primary School in the new academic year. While it is always difficult to see members of our community move on, we wish them all well in the future. I know that our new staff will be both positive and productive additions to our school community. Information about staff will be available on the school website.

Arrangements for the start of term

I am hoping that September will see a fresh beginning at Wycliffe following this unprecedented year and a half of lockdown and isolation. All being well, bubbles will be removed, POPPED at last!

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th September - staff training days - school is closed to students.

Reception starters have their staggered intake and have different timing to the rest of our school but from the 8th – gates will open at 8.35am – please stay with your child until 8.40 and return for them at 3.15pm. **Please keep a close eye on the school website and emails which will have all updates and guidance should anything new come to our attention.**

I would like to wish you all a good summer and look forward to seeing you and your families in the new term.

As always, my very warmest regards,

D Baxter
Headteacher