

St John's Church of England (VC) First School



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Dear Parents,

Penk Valley Academy Trust committed to giving all first school and middle school children an opportunity for learning before the summer break

We are extremely conscious that not being in school can create anxiety and concern amongst children and so we have collectively made the decision that all four of our first schools and our middle school will offer an experience in school for every pupil in Nursery to Year 8 before the summer holiday.

To ensure the mental well-being of children we feel it is enormously important for them to be able to visit school, speak with friends and staff and experience what it is like to be back in their normal setting. This reassuring experience, we hope, will help to bridge the gap between now and when schools fully reopen. It will be for many children a chance to witness for themselves how our schools continue to be happy, safe environments where everybody belongs.

To ensure the safety of all children, parents and staff, we will be making the most of our wonderful school grounds and the warm weather and many of these opportunities will take place outdoors. However, we can't rely on the wonderful British weather therefore we need to carefully plan the groups.

We have decided that **Friday 10th July** will be the last day for all of those who have been in the Acorn hub (nursery, reception and year 1). This means that their summer holidays starts a week early. This is to free up space and toilets for the other groups.

All key worker children will continue coming into school until **Friday 17th July**, which will be their last day in school. To ensure that we keep all children and staff as safe as we possibly can we are keeping those who have already joined the Key Worker Hub together. This means that they are not allowed to join the other children in their year group but stay with the key worker children. The key worker hub is now full and we will not be taking additional children.

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Monday 13th July year 2 children are invited to spend the day in Oaks

Wednesday 15th July year 3 children are invited to spend the day in Oaks.

Friday 17th July year 4 children will be invited to spend the day in Oaks.

Whilst schools fully returning to normal is out of our hands, we are excited to be actively planning to welcome back all children in all year groups from September. We will keep you all informed as soon as we know.

If you would like your child to join us on the above date, then can you please contact the office to confirm attendance.

Thank you,

Miss E Challiner.