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Dear Parents, Carers

School Reorganisation and Consequential Earlier Closing Date of Tuesday, 20th July 2021

The Governing Body has taken the decision to bring forward the last day of term to **Tuesday 20th July 2021** from **Thursday 22nd July** in light of the fact that school will be managing a wide- ranging series of classroom movements in line with a wide -ranging reorganisation of the school's curriculum and meeting its needs through a progressive location phase group classrooms.

The school has looked at its current approach to teaching and how the accommodation is organised with a view to seeing how we promote a greater independence in children's learning. We are well aware that we need to strengthen the identities of the Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and Key Stage One (Years One and Two) through relocating the classrooms so they are together. We are also making changes to the Key Stage Two environments and resources to strengthen the lower and upper junior phase groups.

Given the mass movement of some classrooms, many resources and some premises works which will be scheduled to take place at the start of the holidays and primarily for the purposes of health and safety of everybody, the Governing Body, in agreement with Liverpool Archdiocese and Sefton Local Authority, have taken this decision. The early closure has been minimised to two days and we wanted to give you as much notice (seven weeks) to make some arrangements where necessary.

A Guide to the Premises Changes

The New Early Years Centre

The Foundation Stage of Education will be located with Nursery in the centre of the current Reception class block. There will be two small Reception classes either side of the Nursery

The New Key Stage One Phase group

There will be a Year 1 class, a Year 1 and 2 class and a Year 2 class located in the main school with one of those classes occupying the former Nursery classroom. Modifications will be made to suit the age and stage of the incoming children. The other two classes will neighbour this room in the main building.

Lower Key Stage Two

The lower juniors (Years 3 and 4) classes will be rearranged but will continue to be located on the upper floor

Upper Key Stage Two

Children in Years 5 and 6 will be located together at the top end of the building

We have spent a significant amount of time considering how we realise our vision to improve the school curriculum and its environment and we have needed to look at the identity and location of our phase groups so that the children and whole school community has a clear concept of progression; i.e. it is logical that all Key Stage 1 children are learning in close proximity of each other. Presently, our phase groups are divided (in part) in mixed-locations with a sprawling accommodation which can present challenges. We want to nurture a culture of high expectations, uniformity of expectation, togetherness and we believe that our children will only gain from this ambition.

We look forward to sharing with you our aims for the approaches to teaching and learning we are seeking to develop over the next year and will write to you again after the half term

Yours sincerely,



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