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Dear Parent /Carers,

As we come to an end of an extraordinary term, we would like to share some key information which will enable you to plan for the next academic year.

Since our last correspondence, we have continued the wider opening of the primary campuses. We have welcomed Years 2 -5 in for 4 days into bubbles of 15 pupils. Throughout the period of lockdown through to the end of this Summer term we have had over 400 pupils attend school across our campuses.

Home Learning

Thank you to all of our families who have continued with home learning. We appreciate that this has been a very difficult time for families and balancing your own work, alongside teaching your children can be quite stressful. Our home learning provision will cease on Friday 17th July. Please encourage your child to do as much learning as possible in the few days that we have left of this term. If you would like your child to continue some form of learning over the summer break you are still able to access the Oak National Academy resources which are available for all year groups.

End of Term

The last day of the school year will be Friday 17th July 2020. School will be closing at the normal closing time for Fridays. Please collect your child at the correct time.

September INSET Days

As we shared in our letter last week, our INSET days next term will be Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September. Teachers and school staff will use these days to prepare their classrooms and ensure the school is ready for students to return on Monday 7th September 2020.

Please find below the link to Government advice page about what parents should know about children returning to school in September.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

New Reception and Year 7 starter

If you have a child who is due to start in a Reception class or Year 7, please can you ensure you return all of the induction forms to the school office before the end of the school year. This will ensure we have all of the information about your child, ready for September.

Reception pupils will have a gradual start to school – a timetable has been provided in the Reception packs.

Year 7 students will start school on **Friday 4th September** to familiarise themselves with the building, school day and key staff members before the remainder of the school returns.

Arrangements for the Autumn term

You will have heard in the news that all children should return to school in September. We are currently working with the Campus Leadership Teams to ensure our procedures for the return of all classes and year groups are in line with government guidance. We are developing a number of strategies to help deliver a safe environment for our school communities as they return to full capacity. Our Campus Leaders will be writing to you before the end of July with the specific guidance for your child's year group.

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Year 6

Our Year 6 teachers and leaders are planning a date in the Autumn term for all of the Year 6 pupils to be able to return to their own campuses to meet their peers and say goodbye to their teachers. There will also be a special celebration service where pupils will be presented with their bibles and end of year gift. More information to follow in due course.

Uniform

Our school uniform supplier, Khalsa Schoolwear, now has a uniform shop in Crayford, as well as Bethnal Green. You are now able to order primary and secondary uniform directly from Khalsa Schoolwear from their shops or from their website.

Primary uniform – From September we are changing the logos on our school uniform items to match our logos that have been used on all other school branding for several years. We still hold some stock with our old logo which the primary admin offices are able to sell to you before the end of term. Please telephone the school office if you are interested in purchasing these at a slightly discounted rate.

Dinner Money

Please ensure you have settled any outstanding money for your child's dinners before the end of term. If your child is in Year 6 or is leaving the Koinonia Federation at the end of the school term and you think you are in credit for school meals, please contact the school office to arrange a refund. Credit for other year groups will be carried over to the Autumn term.

Unfortunately, we have been informed that our school meal provider GS Plus have had to increase the cost of school meals. This means a cost of a paid pupil school meal will be £2.75 from September. We understand that this change in price comes at a difficult time for many families, but as you will be aware school budgets are decreasing each year and we are unable to subsidise this extra cost.

Free School Meal Vouchers

As you may have heard on the news, if you are entitled to free school meals under the benefit criteria (not the universal infant criteria) you will continue to receive free school meal vouchers during the Summer break. Free school meals vouchers will be generated automatically and you will receive them via email. If you have any questions regarding this please email letherington@koinoniafederation.com.

School Trip Refunds

As you know we have had to cancel or postpone several school trips abroad. We have been fortunate to be able to reschedule most of the trips for another date later in the year. If we have cancelled a trip you are entitled to a refund. You should have received a letter requesting your bank details so we are able to process the funds back to you. If you haven't received this letter and request a refund please email info.secondary@koinoniafederation.com.

Thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families across the Federation for being so patient and understanding through this challenging term. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school in September. We hope you have a safe and pleasant summer.

With best wishes,

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