

Headteacher: Mr D Childs

1st July 2021

Dear Parents

After a great deal of discussion and reflection, we wanted to inform you of our current plans for sports day.

Sports day will take place on Tuesday 13th July. Applying the current school operational guidance, we believe that we will be able to provide a whole school sports day in a way that does not compromise the safety of the children. Our intention is to space each different class bubble along our running track with a minimum of 5M-10M between each class bubble. Each class bubble will use their own equipment and the adults within the class will stay with their bubble throughout the event. There will be no mixing of children between classes.

Due to the current climate, the children have had very little opportunity to see children from other year groups, especially their siblings and friends, throughout this academic year. We feel very fortunate to have the facilities and space to provide an end of year event whereby the children can cheer and celebrate each other for the first time this year.

Whilst we are very excited to provide our children with an opportunity to attend a whole school event and celebrate the achievement of each other, it is with deep regret that we inform you that we will be unable to safely accommodate parents this year. Given the increase in infection rates (at both national and local level), the increasing amount of local schools with class closures and the fact that we have a growing number of our families needing to self-isolate, we believe that it would present too much of a risk to our local community. We also want to do everything we can to avoid situations whereby children miss their end of year (especially those in year 6) or families are required to self-isolate at the start of the summer holidays. I completely understand the disappointment that you will feel, as we too are saddened by not having you as part of this event, and we cannot wait for a time when restrictions are lifted that allow us to welcome you back into our school once more. Having spoken with Headteachers within our local collaboration, I know that many schools will be making similar decisions, but will be doing so with a very heavy heart.

We will be taking photographs of the event and providing a digital copy of these photographs to all our families. This will take into account those families that have not provided photographic consent.

If you have a child in year 6, we will be writing to you separately to inform you of the events that we are able to offer our children and families.

Arrangements for sports day

- Please make sure that your child is wearing PE kit when they come to school on Tuesday 13th July.
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school.
- Sports day will begin at 9:15am in order to take advantage of cooler weather conditions.

Kindest regards,

Mr Childs and the team at Ryarsh Primary School