

Dear parents/carers

As we come to the end of yet another school year, this is usually a time to remember the wonderful highlights of our time together. From camping with Year 6 last September to the fabulous trips we have been on with the children, many memories have been made. However, I think that 2020 will always be known for the COVID pandemic, the heroic NHS and the lockdown we have all faced. As an academy, we would like to say a huge thank you for the support and understanding we have received during this time and also the fantastic work you have been doing with your children whilst home schooling. We have been sent some fantastic examples of home learning, which can be seen on our Facebook pages. During these difficult times, the sense of community in Brambles has never been stronger and it has been inspiring to see the support given by you all to neighbours and friends. And strangers alike. Due to the COVID restrictions, things will still need to be different for the foreseeable future and we have been working hard to ensure we can get all children back as safely as possible in the Autumn term. For that reason, we will need to stagger start and finish times for the academy and slightly change the school week. A letter has gone home to all to notify you of the changes. It is also displayed on our website, should you need to check. We will of course be following all government guidelines closely in the coming weeks and months and will keep you updated with any changes we have to make. Finally, I would like to take this time to wish our Year 6 pupils a 'Bon Voyage' as they move on to secondary school and wish all our pupils and their families a very safe and sunny summer break.

Best wishes and see you all back safely on Thursday 3rd September.

Ms K Gleave Head Teacher

## Academic Year 2020-2021

We will be following government guidance in relation to opening the academy in September for the academic year 2020-2021. There will be a number of teacher moves for the new academic year and a full list of teachers and classes can be found below.

### EYFS TEAM

Mrs Rowe (EYFS Lead)

Mrs Maloney-Friar

Miss Harbinson

### Year One:

1B—Miss Beever (KS1 Lead)

1S—Miss Suffell

### Year Two:

2B—Miss Beadling

2H—Ms Holden

### Year 3:

3H—Miss Howard

3S—Mr Swales

### Year 4:

4MF—Mrs Mclean/Mrs Farrell

4B—Mr Baker (LKS2 Lead)

### Year 5:

5M—Ms McCarthy

5D—Mrs Duffill

### Year 6:

6F—Miss Fenny (UKS2 Lead)

6M—Mr Mayle (Assistant Head Teacher)

As an academy, we would like to say thank you, good bye and good luck in your new roles to Mrs Rossington and Miss Stobbs as well as welcome to Mr Baker who is joining us from Pennyman Primary Academy.

## Year 6 Leavers

On Friday 17th July, the Year 6 leavers are being invited back into the academy between 10am and 1pm for a socially distanced barbecue. This will be an opportunity for the children to see their friends and peers for one last time as primary school pupils. As well as the barbecue, the children will enjoy a number of other activities in order to give them a memorable last day with us



## Communication

Communication will continue to take place with yourselves via **Facebook** and **Marvellous Me**. We will keep you updated with plans and measures that will be put in place for the beginning of Autumn Term.

## Notable Dates

End of Summer Term: 16/7/20

Year 6 Leavers Celebration: 17/7/20

PD days—1st-2nd September 2020

Start of Autumn Term: Thursday 3/9/20





Autumn Half Term: 26/10/20—30/10/20

End of Autumn Term: 17/12/20

## Summer School

Summer school will take place in the weeks beginning 20/7/20, 27/7/20 and 3/8/20. The Summer school places have now been allocated for each week and the children can attend for the dates that you have chosen and have been confirmed by the academy. Please ensure you attend all week or you may lose your place.

## Diamond Standards Awards

-  **Commitment:** To achieve, succeed and create the best life and future.
-  **Curiosity:** Be inquisitive, be brave and learn.
-  **Courage:** To face our challenges and the unknown.
-  **Care:** For ourselves, each other and our communities.



The Tees Valley Education Diamond Standards Awards are a recognition of brilliance in one of four core areas. The following were nominated:

### Summer Awards:

Commitment: Miss K Beever (Teacher)

Curiosity: Leah Taylor Arnold

Courage: The Coleman family

Care: Michelle Oldfield and family

Many congratulations to Michelle Oldfield and her family and Miss Beever for winning the award across the whole Trust.

# New for Brambles 2020-2021

## BRAMBLES PRIMARY ACADEMY UNIFORM UPDATE

We are very proud of our academy and insist that children wear our full uniform. However, from Autumn we will be introducing a blue and grey tartan skirt and pinafore, which can be purchased from Lollipops.

**This is in addition to our original black /grey skirt and pinafore and will not replace our original uniform.** This is in response to a number of enquiries from parents about updating our 'Brambles look'.

**Please note however, it is only this tartan that will be permissible and not all colours of tartan.**

### Uniform

- Navy blue or royal blue cardigan or jumper from Lollipops (with badge) cardigan £9.50 jumper £8.50
- Pale blue shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers/skirt/pinafore or
- **Blue and grey tartan skirt/pinafore** (see photo)
- Plain ankle or knee length socks or plain tights
- Blue or white checked or striped summer dresses may be worn in the summer months
- Black or grey shorts in summer for boys and girls.



### Shoes

- Flat, black school shoes. No trainers or hee~~lies~~.
- If children wish to play football on the field at break time/lunchtime they must bring a change of footwear.
- In the summer, children may wear flat supportive sandals with socks. They should be black, white or navy.

**P.E. Kit ( Following COVID guidelines the children will just be expected to bring a pair of trainers/plimsolls in a bag until further notice)**

Please may we kindly request that all clothing should be labelled with your child's name. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter

**COVID UPDATE** Please note—We still have uncollected reports for pupils which can be picked up from the office. There will also be **changes to the school day** due to CORONA Virus and government guidelines about distancing . Please ensure you are aware of the new times we will be adopting in September . These are on the website for your information. Many thanks .