

# Ramsgate Arts Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

It has come to light over the past couple of days through our parent community that several of the local secondary schools are now going to have their own transition days. I think this is a fabulous idea, especially for our children, who will be moving from a year group consisting of only seventeen pupils to secondary schools that probably has many children in a single year group as we have in our whole school! Unfortunately, the secondary schools have not consulted any of the local primary feeder schools regarding dates, and the primary schools have all subsequently already made their own arrangements to ensure a completion of the curriculum, as well as organising leavers' celebrations for Year 6 children.

As you are aware, since 1<sup>st</sup> June we have been operating in 'bubbles': these small groups are an attempt to prevent the potential spread of the virus, protecting the children and staff whilst they are in school. DfE guidance still recommends that if a bubble is 'burst' (i.e. children mix with another group of children), such as a child attending a transition meeting at another school, then there should be a seven-day period of separation before the child comes back into their primary school 'bubble'.

We do not want parents or children to be put in a position where they have to choose whether to take part in the secondary transition or complete their final days at their primary school. With this in mind, **we are proposing that Year 6's last day at RAPS will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July.**

As we approach both the end of the term and the end of your child's time at RAPS, please see the new outline of key dates featured below. We want to make the children's final few weeks as special as possible under the difficult circumstances, and also ensure we include key parts of the curriculum that they would have normally experienced. We will therefore continue with our own transition activities in order to help answer any questions that the children may have and to ease their worries before they move on to their new school. This will be covered in the week beginning **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**. We will include what to expect, how things may be different and address any anxieties they may have. This will complement the activities that the secondary schools will be doing. Secondly, children will take part in an enterprise project. During the project, the children will plan, budget, buy and cook a meal for you! You will be invited to come and dine at RAPS for socially-distanced meal. The aim of the project is to raise money for their end of year treat, so please tip generously! More information to follow.

In addition to this, children will take part in sex education lessons, which will be taught the week beginning **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June** by Miss Dannell and Mr Williams. A separate letter has been sent out with more information and slip to return if you do not wish your child to take part in these lessons.

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Finally, **on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**, children will have a leavers' treat. The evening (a black tie event!) will begin at 6.30pm and include:

- a drinks reception for parents
- a leavers' ceremony
- A barbecue
- Campfire and marshmallows
- A movie in the hall
- A sleepover at school!

All activities will follow current guidelines for social distancing. Children who are sleeping over will need to be collected from school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 9am for the last time.

We hope to make the children's final weeks as memorable as possible and we are really looking forward to giving them a positive send-off.

I thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards



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