



# Friars Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Summer 2021 Update

After yesterday's announcement from the Prime Minister regarding the delayed easing of restrictions, we have had no choice but to make some difficult decisions.

### Sports Days

Like many schools, our Sports Days will sadly only be for children this year. We understand that this will come as a disappointment as we know how much you enjoy watching your children compete, but we feel that the virus risk is simply too great. Although rates are still relatively low, we do know that they are rising and that other schools locally have had confirmed cases in the past fortnight. We really hope that we can keep Friars free of COVID-19 across the remaining weeks. The last thing we would want is for there to be any confirmed cases and for a class or year group of children to self-isolate. That would be awful after the broken year they have yet again experienced.

### Summer Fair

After speaking with members of the Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) this morning, we have concluded that the Summer Fair is not feasible for 2021. The PTA are now working on the idea of a special day where each year group will have a party on the school field. There will be music, snacks, refreshments and prizes to be won! Although it will not be the Summer Fair, it should be a day that the children enjoy hugely.

### **Some better news...**

#### Open Afternoons

We are pleased to share that before we break for the summer, there will be an opportunity for you to see your child's learning. Each year group will have a time after school where parents and carers can stay behind after collection to look through their children's work (the time for morning Nursery will be at the end of their session). All sessions will be facilitated outside on our school grounds so that we can maximise space and ensure social distancing measures are in place. More information and dates will be shared in this Friday's newsletter.

#### Other Events

There will still be lots happening across the school over the next five weeks! We have a whole host of educational visits and different visitors coming to our school. We are also in the process of finalising swimming sessions for Year 6 that will take place at West Leigh Junior School. A letter about this will be sent to Year 6 parents and carers tomorrow.

Thank you for your continued support across 2020-21. Let us hope that 2021-22 is a full school year and that we can return to doing all of the things we love.

Yours sincerely,

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