

'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

## Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of term rapidly approaches, I know you are all keen to know how we will celebrate the end of your child's journey with us at Bunbury Aldersey Primary school, particularly after my letter yesterday regarding other end of term events in school.

On Monday, the Government announced that the current restrictions are to be extended until 19th July due to the increasing spread of the Delta variant across the country. Cheshire East and West are currently high in case numbers and the Government has announced that both these regions have been identified as a 'Enhanced Resource Area' to help combat the rapid rise of the Delta (Indian) variant across the borough.

Designation as an Enhanced Resource Area is not a local lockdown or a return to a tiered system. It means the council can access a range of support and guidance to address rapidly rising infection rates. This can include driving vaccine uptake for eligible people, the possibility of requesting military aid, additional testing support – including schools testing, and other assistance and support. Therefore, in response to this situation our local authority within the education sector have advised that schools must maintain strict covid systems particularly around events which involve groups of parents gathering.

I appreciate that this may appear to not match current wider society rules, however, we are governed by DFE and LA rules which currently advise against non-essential visitors and maintaining the rule of 30 outdoors for larger events on site. It is disappointing that events are not able to go ahead in their usual format again this year but as always the Bunbury team are trying to find a suitably safe way within our guidelines to host key events.

I am delighted to say that with the support of St Boniface church we are able to host an end of year celebration event for our Year 6 children and their parents. Using the church as a venue has enabled us to take advantage of their ability to accommodate a larger number of people inside, whilst still working to covid safe guidance.

There will now only be one event as opposed to the previously planned two. **The combined event will take place at St Boniface Church on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am as previously advertised.**

During this service:

- The children will perform their production of the Tempest
- Our traditional Year 6 trophies will be awarded and certificates will be presented to all children
- Bibles will be presented
- Memories will be shared about their time at Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary School
- A slide show of school activities, baby photos and school photos will be shared

So, that we are compliant with the covid guidance set out by the church as well as our school prevention measures we will be following the steps below:

- Asking anyone attending to complete a LFD before attending the service, these are now readily available for all members of the public. Staff already complete these twice weekly.



- There will be 30 seating positions set up by organ Top RHS for the Year 6 children and school staff who will operate as a bubble.
- In the rest of the church there will be 15 pews which can accommodate 4 persons. (2+2 or 3+1 or 4 in a bubble). **There will be a cap of only 2 parents per child allowed to attend so that we are within the seating capacity of the church building.**
- The children will come in through the West door, use hand sanitiser and stay together.
- All adults must wear face coverings, enter via the same door (which will be signposted), use hand sanitiser and remain in their places once seated.
- **All** should leave by the North door.
- We will be setting up a track and trace register for the event via our school spider which we will ask you to complete prior to attending. This will then be shared with the church also.
- Children will leave the building as a bubble before any adults
- Singing is not currently allowed

I appreciate that this is not quite the way we had all anticipated the year to end but I know that we will be able to make this a special service so that we can give all the children the final goodbye from Bunbury school which they deserve.

As we finalise the event further, Miss Hickson will be communicating further details to you over the next few weeks.

Many thanks for your continued support

Kind regards



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