

## **To Parents of Children in Year 5**

Friday 17 April 2020

Dear Parents

### **Preparation for Senior School Entrance**

The Summer Term in Year 5 represents, for the children, a period of focus towards the Entrance Examinations in Year 6. For families, it is a time for finding out about the entrance procedure, considering future schools and visiting them. We are very conscious of the fact that the latter will not be possible currently but would like to reassure you of the fact that we will be supporting the children in Year 5 and their parents through the process remotely throughout this term.

The children have already started making good progress towards their entrance examinations. The reports that you received at the end of term recorded that as well as setting targets for this term. We already have in place valuable data which is used to focus on each child's journey towards their future school. The children will work, this term, towards assessments in English, Maths and Science in the way that they do in usual circumstances. The assessments, which follow a pattern which the children are used to, will be administered remotely; there will be further details of these to follow shortly. The core subjects of English and Maths will be protected this term and so the children's Music lessons will not fall at these times.

Depending on the national situation, we will report on your child's progress either through a Year 5 Parents' Evening or reports but we would like to encourage you to keep in touch regularly throughout the term. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We will also soon be publishing details of the forthcoming Senior School Transition Evening during which we will outline the stages of the children's journey towards their future schools from the beginning of this term until the end of Year 6. The presentation, which will be remote, will include information about all aspects of the procedure.

Alastair is very keen to support you all through this process and if we are unable to return physically to school then he will be holding consultations with you by phone or by video call after half term. In addition we will also be maintaining regular contact with Senior Schools to ensure that we are up to date with entry requirements and procedures. We will keep you updated with developments over the course of the term.

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