



Dear Parents/ Carers,

01.07.2020

Please find enclosed with this letter a message from your child's new teacher and your child's report. Please note that the report is based on your child's attainment and progress up until school closed on 20th March 2020. As we are not able to have a Parents' Evening this term, if you wish to discuss anything from your child's report with their current class teacher, please call or email school and we will organise a phone appointment for you.

Below are the new classes for September 2020:

Nursery – Miss Speed	1LB – Mrs Bowdley	3PM – Mrs Mann	5CH – Ms Hamilton
R1 – Miss Livesey	1LM – Mrs Milner	3SM – Mrs Meredith	5MP – Mrs Parvez
R2 – Miss Green	2VB – Mrs Bradley	4WH – Mrs Holland	6MC – Miss Causer
	2AP – Mrs Patel	4VJ – Mrs Jones	6JG – Miss Garrington

Your child will be in class \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Green will lead Early Years (Nursery & Reception) & Year 1, Mrs Taylor will lead Years 2, 3 and 4 and Miss Causer will lead Years 5 and 6. Mrs Kinsey will teach maths and English in Year 2 during the mornings and also work across the school, supporting individuals and groups of children with Special Educational Needs. Mrs Rogers and Mrs Taylor will teach maths and English in Year 4 during the mornings and support across the school during the afternoons. Mrs Whitehouse will teach maths and English in Year 6 during the mornings.

Although her health has shown some improvement, it saddens me to inform you that Mrs Thompson has made the decision to leave us at the end of this term. Over the past 9 years, Mrs Thompson has worked with a range of children and parents at Rakegate and I am sure you will join us in thanking her for all she has done for our children and in wishing her the very best for the future.

It is with regret that we cannot see you all face to face before the end of term, this is not the way we ever imagined or would have wanted to finish the school year. This has been a very difficult time for everyone and particularly for your children as some have been unable to attend school since 20<sup>th</sup> March. There is so much that they have missed out on and it is very disappointing and sad that they will not get some of those experiences back. When we do open fully, we will endeavour to make that up to the children with new and more exciting experiences. We appreciate all the support you have provided with the home learning and we can imagine, that at times, this has not been easy!

At present we do not know what the situation will be in September but it could be one of the following 3 scenarios:

1. Social distancing rules are relaxed and we can return to normal school life
2. Social distancing rules are still in place and we need keep to reduced class sizes. This means that we may only have certain year groups in at a time or have all year groups in on a part-time basis. We may have

to split the classes in half so they work across the 2 year group classrooms and either have one class per year group in for a week at a time and rotate so they are in school every other week or have one class in the beginning part of the week and the other class the end part of the week.

3. There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of Covid-19 and school is closed.

At present we are hoping for **scenario 1** and are making plans for school to re-open for all children in Years 1 – 6 from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. (Nursery and Reception will receive separate communication regarding their welcome meetings and arrangements) We will continue to communicate with you throughout the summer via Marvellous ME, Facebook, Twitter and the school website.

On behalf of all the staff at Rakegate, can I say a big thank you to all of you for your continued support during this time. We have received so many kind messages and it has really meant a lot as we have tried to work through this unprecedented time. We have had to follow ever changing guidance and deal with situations that we have never faced previously but please be reassured that at the heart of all our decision making has always been and will always be the health, safety and welfare of your children.

We wish you a lovely summer and look forward to welcoming all the children back in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Horton  
Headteacher