

14th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, over the last week we have been hit hard as a school by a number of positive coronavirus cases in both children and adults, in spite of the precautionary actions we have taken. This has resulted in us having to, following Government guidance, send home our EYFS, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and only yesterday our Year 6 bubble. This has been really hard for all of our children and staff who have had to isolate. This has been particularly the case for our Year 6 children, as this was not the happy end to their time at Colmers Farm that we had planned, which we so wanted them to have and which they so deserved. Telling these children that yesterday would be the last day at our school and their parents were on their way to pick them up was one of the most difficult things I have ever had to do in my teaching career. We however wish they them the greatest of success at their new schools.

As a school, we have been determined to see out the school year for as many children as possible particularly due to the fact that all of our children have already missed out a substantial part of the school year. If we continue through into next week, we feel that the benefits of being in school for the last two days are outweighed by the risk of children and staff being exposed to coronavirus. We have therefore made the decision that the school building will close for the summer to all children at the end of Friday 16th July, which is slightly earlier than we had originally planned. We understand that this will be a disappointing decision for many of you, and once again this is not the ending to a school year that anybody wants, but we feel that this is the safest option for all of our children, your families and our staff.

Online learning will be available for all children on Monday 19th July and Tuesday 20th July via Tapestry for EYFS and Google Classroom for Years 1-6. If you require access to free school meals please contact the school office.

We would be grateful if any loaned school laptops can be returned to school by 4:00 on Tuesday 20th July.

Thank you for your continued support of us as a school. We really appreciate it. Everybody at Colmers Farm wishes you a happy and safe summer holidays. Fingers very tightly crossed for everybody at our school that next year we can have a 'normal' school year.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Williams

