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Houghton Conquest
Lower School

Growing together

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Value of the Month: Appreciation

26th June 2020

Dear Parents of Year 4 children

As ever, I hope this letter finds you well. Within this letter, we are hoping to reassure you about our efforts for Year 4 transition and what we are hoping to do in order to support your child's transition to Middle School.

We of course find ourselves in a continuously evolving situation, but I feel it is sensible at this time to formulate a plan with a **hope** to support your children within their transition. This will enable us to offer your child as much support in moving to Middle School as we can.

Our plan below is a desired hope and as the situation evolves daily, we cannot promise anything and it does depend on factors out of our control and we will continue to monitor this closely and inform you accordingly.

Meeting with Marston Vale Middle School

On Thursday, **9th July at 4pm** we would like to conduct a virtual question and answer session with all children in Year 4, Mr Birchall, Miss Heaslip and a member of the Marston Vale Middle School Year 5 team, for 30 minutes. This will provide your child with an opportunity to discuss any worries or concerns or ask anything they may want to know about the school to a member of their staff. In the meantime, we would like your child to prepare some questions they would like to ask about Marston Vale Middle School; please email them to falcons@hcschool.co.uk so we can collate them. More details will come out shortly with regards to the virtual platform we are using, as we want to ensure we are choosing the safest platform for your child.

Time in school

We do also hope to invite our year 4 children into school for a short length of time for the last two days of term (**Thursday, 16th and Friday, 17th July**) within a small socially distanced bubble; giving them the opportunity to say goodbye to their teachers and peers in the last week of term and support them with additional transition activities.



Leavers Presentations

During their time in school, we hope to complete our final leavers presentation with the Year 4's, where we can present awards, yearbooks and say final goodbyes.

We are very sad that this will not be the normal end of school celebration that the children and parents were expecting. Due to the most recent government guidance, which is outlined in our dynamic risk assessment, we **currently cannot** allow visitors on site.

We do know this is not ideal and not the normal way we would like to say goodbye at Houghton Conquest; however we aim to set up a virtual platform in which you as a parent can become a virtual audience member and be 'part' of the presentation. We would look to record the presentation too. Again, we reiterate that this is not the norm, however a solution during these difficult times.

Final goodbyes

Finally, our hope is for your child to receive a heartfelt goodbye at collection time. In order for this to be successful we will be asking you to collect your child at 3:25pm on Friday, 17th July so all other bubble groups are off site.

We would invite all members of staff from our school to form a socially distanced 'clapping line' for your child to walk through as they are dismissed and for us to congratulate them on their time at Houghton Conquest Lower School. This hopefully will allow your child to feel a heartfelt goodbye from all members of our team.

Once again, we do acknowledge that this is not ideal and we hope you can feel some reassurance of our desired plan for your child during this time.

Further information will be shared with you with regards to the finer details of your child bubble group and timings for these events. Mr Birchall will be in touch in the coming weeks with further guidance/information about your child's transition activities.

We will also keep you informed if and when the government guidance's changes as we always aim to provide your child with the best experience possible.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support during this time, it is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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Acting Headteacher



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Class Teacher