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Dear Parents & Carers,

So, with the push back of 'Freedom Day', comes the rain! What a contrast of weather in just one week! Although I am not sure many of us are a fan of the rain, I think we were all pleased when the temperature dropped a little last night.

With regards to the coronavirus rules staying in place for another four weeks, we have now been provided with clear guidance from the DFE and the government, on what school activities can go ahead with the correct risk assessments in line with the current systems of control. I am pleased to say Sports Day will go ahead, as will the Year 6 leaver's service and performance.

Sports Day

Children will stay in their current bubble groups for Sports Day. Where possible, individual sets of equipment will be provided for each bubble to use. Where this is not possible, equipment will be cleaned regularly throughout the day. We have been advised that spectators can gather in small groups and multiple groups are allowed. However, to minimize the number of adults gathering, we are asking that only two spectators come to the event per family. All spectators must adhere to current social distancing requirements. A letter with times and locations will come out in due course.

Year 6 Leavers Service and Performance

Indoor events can take place in schools for up to whichever is lower, between 1,000 people or 50% of the sites capacity. Live performances are allowed in front of an audience and should follow the latest performing arts guidance, which states, singing is permitted in schools. Per the guidance, we will continue with plans for the two performances of the leavers show, however again, we can allow only two members of one family to attend. Seating in the hall will be set out at a social distance, facemasks and hand sanitizer will be provided.

Weather permitting, the leavers service may be carried out on the pitch, as it was last year. We will make a decision as to how that happens closer to the time.





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Refugee Week

This week has been Refugee week, and at St John's we were very lucky to have a special guest speaker visit us and talk to our Key Stage 2 children, about their experiences as a refugee. I was extremely impressed with the children's knowledge around the subject, and the sensitive manner in which they spoke during this morning's assembly.

Parent Survey

Please take some time to complete the school's parent survey. It has been some time since we carried out a survey of this kind, and we would really value your opinion as parents as what you see as the strengths of the school, and ways in which we can improve. The survey is a great opportunity for you to have your voice heard and to help us understand your views. It will be available to access for the next two weeks, until **Friday 2nd July**.

<https://www.qdpsurvey.co.uk/OnlineQuestionnaire?code=11907-34934-26619345>

I hope you all have a restful weekend. School is extremely busy at the moment, with assessment week fast approaching, teachers writing your children's end of year reports and handover sessions being planned for next year. We must all remember to take time out and recoup where possible.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Lindsey Hodgson
Head of School

