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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I do hope you are all safe and well. In these strange times, the end of the summer term and academic year is rushing towards us but sadly without the normal buzz of activities that would usually be taking place. We really are missing all the children that are not able to be in school and we cannot wait to see you all again.

We are currently finalising arrangements for the end of the year as well as looking ahead to September.

Next week you will receive your child's annual report. This year, we will be emailing reports out to you as a precautionary measure due to coronavirus so please ensure you check your emails and check that this has not gone into your spam folder.

Reports have been written based on your child's time in school from September 2019 until March 2020 so please do bear this in mind when reading it. We will not be reporting on attendance this year. If you have any questions, please contact the class teacher.

I know many of you are now thinking about your child's return in September and what this will look like. We are currently assessing government guidance that was released yesterday regarding how the next academic year will look within primary schools across the country. What we do know, is that all children are expected back in school fully from September. More information will follow on the precautionary measures we will put in place to accommodate this and to ensure everyone's safety.

At this time of year, children are normally getting to know who their new teacher will be and visiting their new classrooms. It is unfortunate that this will not be possible this year. However, teachers will be posting a message to their new classes on Class Dojo so children will be able to

see their new teacher before the end of term. Please make sure that you continue to access Class Dojo throughout.

Staffing for 2020-21 will be as follows:

| Your child's current class teacher | Your child's new class teacher 2020/21 |
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| RD – Mrs Dearn | 1B – Miss Bazeley |
| RM – Miss Melia | 1I - Miss Iqbal |
| 1B – Miss Bazeley | 2S - Miss Saunders |
| 1I – Miss Iqbal | 2P - Miss Parkes |
| 2P – Miss Parkes | 3R - Miss Round |
| 2S – Miss Saunders | 3H - Mrs Hitchins |
| 3R – Miss Round | 4N – Miss Newton |
| 3H – Mrs Hey | 4M - Miss Merryweather |
| 4M – Miss Merryweather | 5V - Miss Veal |
| 4H – Mrs Hitchins | 5HBT – Mr Heather, Mr Bullock, Mr Tomlinson |
| 4T – Mrs Thomas | 5F - Mrs Freeman |
| 5F – Mrs Freeman | 6M – Miss Manning |
| 5V – Miss Veal | 6H - Mrs Hey |

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to our Year 6 children. Although some are in school, it is incredibly unfortunate that Year 6 have not been able to be in as normal enjoying their final days with their classmates and taking part in the usual end of school celebrations as every Year 6 child should. We wish all of our Year 6 children the best of luck in their new adventures and we will miss them greatly.

We are also wishing a fond farewell to Mrs Harper who has served at St James for 25 years and is finally taking time out to enjoy her retirement. She has worked tirelessly throughout her time in school, supporting the youngest of our children, whilst also running our Moms and Tots group. It goes without saying that we will all miss her but wish her a happy retirement.

Thank you for your continued support and I will write again in the coming weeks to outline plans for the full return to school in September.

Kind regards

Mrs McGregor