

SD/da/End of term letter

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of the academic year, it is safe to say that it is one that we shall never forget. It is a year where our children were well on track to achieve the best results in our history, exceeding last year's good performance, and the closure of the Academy has presented many new challenges for staff, families and children. It has been inspiring to see how families have responded, and I want to thank all of you for your support in ensuring children have continued to engage with education. It has been fantastic to see the range of children's work produced on-line, and more recently seeing them participate in the successful live lessons.

As well as thanking you for all your support during this period, I would like to take this opportunity to bid you farewell; having spent almost two years at Bloxwich Academy, I will be moving on to pastures new. It has been a wonderful experience and I feel privileged to have led the school and been part of your community.

During my last term here, it has been a pleasure to work with all the key worker children that have been attending, and it was a highlight to be able to welcome back children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 5. It has been heart-warming to see the smiling faces returning to their school, and admirable seeing them work so well with their teachers under such strange circumstances.

We must of course wish our Year 6 children all the very best of luck as they prepare to start their journey into secondary education. Many have already been enjoying participating in lessons with secondary phase teachers, and this week have still been able to enjoy a Sport's Day and Leaver's Assembly. Never was a year group more ready to face the SATS examinations, and whilst they may not get the opportunity to experience the process and formally receive their results, they should rest assured that the teachers here know they would have done themselves, families and the Academy extremely proud!

The Academy is now looking forward to opening its doors to all year groups in September, and leaders have been working hard to consider the safest way to do so. Our plans will ensure that government guidance is followed closely, whilst striving to retain a sense of normality for children returning after a lengthy period away from a school setting. Please be assured that the utmost care is being made to create a safe but enjoyable learning environment for all our children, and finalised details will be confirmed later in the summer. In the meantime, please see below for a summary of the steps that are being put into place:

- Staggered arrival times for pupils accommodating parents with children in more than one year group.
- Staggered break times and allocated play zones for year groups.
- Increased lunch venues to allow year groups to dine separately and safely.
- Anti-bacterial gel in all classrooms for use before and after transition times.
- Full time cleaning staff on site throughout the day.
- All children provided with personal stationary and pencil case.
- One way systems and signage around the Academy to allow for quiet corridors.
- Staggered end of day times.

The Academy will confirm specific details regarding these arrangements during the summer break in line with any additional government advice concerning welcoming back our children. May I thank you in advance for your patience and ongoing support.

It is vital that we have the most up-to-date contact information including mobile numbers as we will be liaising via text message along with letters confirming our plans. If there has been a change to the details we currently have on our system please contact primarypostbox@bloxwichacademy.co.uk to provide us with the relevant information.

Our website continues to be a great source for keeping up to date on life at Bloxwich Academy and for key messages to parents. Please take a look on www.bloxwichacademy.co.uk.

May I take this moment to wish all our children and parents a safe and relaxing summer break and I look forward to watching Bloxwich Academy go from strength to strength in the future.

Yours sincerely

S Davies

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Headteacher