

Learning together to be the best we can be



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To: Year 6 Parents

Dear Parent/Carer

The week commencing 13 July would have traditionally been Year 6's last week in school. As you may know, Horton Grange usually celebrates this through a number of events including the Leavers Assembly and School Prom/Disco. Unfortunately, this year we are unable to host such events in the same way due to social distancing measures and restrictions surrounding social gatherings.

We recognise how important this is for the children (and parents/carers) as an opportunity to end their primary school journey in good spirits and have a chance to say goodbye to staff and friends, especially those who are moving away or going to a different Secondary School. Therefore we would like to offer 2 celebrations that will have to be carefully planned and arranged in a way that complies with the current guidelines. We are aware that guidance is changing and we may need to adapt this plan but safeguarding everyone will be the priority.

The first event is a **socially distanced picnic** (Monday 13 July 12:30pm – 2:00pm) that all children in Year 6 are invited to. Details are outlined below but the finer organisation will be planned according to how many children we are expecting. Therefore we ask that you book a place using a Google form that you will be sent shortly. Anyone who does not book a place, will not be able to attend. If your child is currently attending school, they will automatically attend as this will be built into their day.

<u>Socially Distanced Picnic</u>	
When will this take place?	Suggested date is Monday 13 July (12:30pm – 2:00pm)
Where will this take place?	On the school field. For children attending school, this will be scheduled into their day. For children not attending school, they will be registered at the gate to the field on Cowpen Road. A place must be booked in advance. The school building will only be accessed for children needing the toilet. This event will take place outdoors (weather permitting).
What will they need? -Food and Drink -Blanket to sit on -Sun cream/hat if hot -non-school uniform	Children who are currently attending school are to bring in their own packed lunch/order one from school as normal. Children who are not attending school are to bring in their own packed lunch. Reminder that no products containing nuts will be allowed.



	Children may bring a blanket to sit on. These will not be shared and will need to be taken home that day. If it is hot weather, we advise children that sun cream is to be worn, children in Year 6 are expected to apply and supply their own. A hat from home may also be worn. This day will be a non-school uniform day however clothing/footwear must be appropriate as the children will be outside and playing games.
Organisation -groupings	Children will be organised into groups to have their socially distanced picnic in an area on the school field. They will then play some games within their group. Staff will supervise to ensure social distancing. Staff will organise groups based on their knowledge of the children and will consider friendships however we cannot guarantee that all children will be with each of their friends. Groups will be arranged once places have been booked.
For children not currently attending school	Drop off and collection will be from the gate near the field on Cowpen Road. We need to know who is collecting your child or if they have permission to walk home alone. We also need an up to date contact number in case of an emergency.

The second event is a **socially distanced leaver's goodbye** (Tuesday 14 July half hour slot allocated between 12:30 and 2:30). The children will have the opportunity to say goodbye to staff and collect a few goodies and certificates. Parents and carers can also attend but you must let us know in advance and no more than 2 adults per child can attend to ensure we can plan accordingly and maintain social distancing. Your child will be allocated a half hour slot and a one-way system will be in place.

<u>Socially Distanced Leaver's Goodbye</u>	
When will this take place?	Suggested date is Tuesday 14 July (between 12:30pm – 2:30pm) Your child will be allocated a half an hour slot. For example, Slot 1 12:30pm – 1:00pm Slot 2 1:00pm – 1:30pm Slot 3 1:30pm – 2:00pm Slot 4 2:00pm – 2:30pm
Where will this take place?	KS2 yard/front entrance area Enter through the main gate at the front of school and follow directions. The school building will not be accessible and this will take place outdoors (weather permitting).
Organisation -groupings	Children currently attending school will have this scheduled into their day. Parents/carers may wish to join them during their allocated slot but school will need to know in advance. Children can either stay in school until the end of the day or go home early. Children not currently in school will arrive at their allocated slot with no more than 2 adults to say goodbye and collect some items. Again we must know who is coming in advance. Staff will organise groups based on their knowledge of the children and will consider friendships however we cannot guarantee that all children will be with each of their friends. Groups will be arranged once places have been booked.

Over these two days, there will also be an opportunity for children who have not attended school to collect any personal items that were left in school and to return locker keys. Locker keys must be handed in and £4.00 (coins) will be refunded.

A google form will be sent shortly for you to complete to book your places. This will be sent via text and will also be available on the school Facebook page.

It has been a privilege to have worked and supported your children throughout their time at Horton Grange and I wish you and your family the very best for the future. On behalf of everyone at Horton Grange, I would like to say thank you for your continued support especially through these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

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