



Dear Parents/Carers,

After carefully looking at the situation in terms of staffing and accommodation, I would now like to let you know our plans for the rest of the Summer term.

1. From **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**, we would like to invite the **Y2 classes** back for the last 4 weeks of term. It will work in the same way as the EYFS & Y1 children in that all of the children will be put into two groups and some will come in on Monday/Tuesday and some Thursday/Friday. Y2 parents and carers will be notified by text which group their child is in. Please note, Year 2s will need to be dropped outside the Main Office entrance and not their usual class entrance.
2. We would like to invite **Y4 children** in the last week of term - **week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> July**. Again, we will need to split the Y4s in each class into two groups and some will come in on Monday/Tuesday and some Thursday/Friday. We will let you know the groups in due course by text.
3. From **week commencing the 22<sup>nd</sup> June**, all children will be able to have a 20/30 minute weekly virtual get together with their class teacher every **Wednesday** - this will be done through Microsoft Teams. Timings are as follows:

Sun Class:	9:00am
Moon Class:	9:30am
Jupiter Class:	10:00am
Saturn Class:	10:30am
Neptune Class:	11:00am
Apollo Class:	11:30am
Voyager Year 3s:	12:00pm
Milky Way Year 3s:	12:00pm
Galaxy Year 3s:	12:00pm
Voyager Year 4s:	1:30pm
Milky Way Year 4s:	1:30pm
Galaxy Year 4s:	1:30pm

Separate information will be posted about this and how it will work as there are some safeguarding and protocols that we will need you to follow. You will need to download Microsoft Teams onto your desktop or mobile device and the link is below. Please ensure you have sent your email address into the office to take part.

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app>

4. Provision for **YR & Y1 will finish on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July** so we can accommodate safely the Y2s and Y4s in the final week.

I am very aware that this does mean that we are unable to invite the Y3s back before September but staffing all these groups along with the key worker group and ensuring individual children receive the necessary support means we are quite stretched. I hope that this increase in provision will enable lots more children to return to school before the Summer break in a safe way for everyone. We hope to let parents and children know their classes for September at the beginning of July and we are currently working on how they could meet virtually to help transition - more details to follow.

Alongside this announcement, we have uploaded the Vallis School Rota Plan for EYFS, Y1 & Y2 groups and also an additional document about Microsoft Teams and the virtual sessions - these can be found in the Newsletter section of the web site.

Regarding the web site, you will notice that we are in the process of making some changes to it. This will evolve over the next few months but during this period we will make sure that you still have access to the key documents through the site.

Thank you all again for your patience and co-operation with everything at the moment. It has been really nice seeing more of you in the mornings. Keep safe and well.

Nick Firkins  
 Headteacher