



## VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers of children in Year 4,

We really appreciate that the current situation we find ourselves in is particularly difficult for yourselves as your children are due to transfer to a new school in September. Unfortunately, we currently do not have any indication on whether children will return to Vallis before the end of the summer term. However it is our high hope at the very least, Government guidance allowing, to be able to invite children in Year 4 back to spend some time at the end of term.

We wanted to try and offer some reassurance that we have been busy planning with the Middle Schools to endeavour to make alternative arrangements to those that would normally occur to aid transfer but that have been difficult with current Government guidance.

Middle schools have consulted with us, and us in turn with you, around placing children in appropriate friendship groups within their new tutor groups.

Middle schools have proposed creating video tours to place on their websites to compensate for the absence of tours being possible this year.

Middle schools are busy compiling the information packs that are usually given to your children at a meeting held in school with the Middle School Head Teachers. The packs, including confirmation of your child's tutor group, will still be available and as soon as the method of collecting/receiving these packs is known we will let you know.

Your child's current class teacher will meet (via a virtual TEAMS meeting) with your child's tutor before the end of June in order to handover information.

Transfer Day has been cancelled but the Middle Schools are looking at the possibility of Year 5 arriving in school in September before any other year group.

We hope this helps to reassure you a little and we thank you for your support in these uncertain times. Please say hello to your Year 4s from us, explain that we miss them and really hope to see them soon,

Regards,

Mrs Edwards, Mrs Frost, Miss Massey & Mr Summers  
Year 4 Class Teachers

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – Vallis First School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.