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Dear Parents/Carers

End of year arrangements

I am writing to make you aware of some key dates for the rest of this term and the new academic year.

Key dates for 2019-2020 Academic Year

- **Friday 26th June 2020** – Last day of school for Year 11's.
- **Monday 6th July** – Transition begins – Year 6 Primary at Dovedale move to Secondary, Year 9 at Northfield move to Parkway. Everyone else moves up a year.
- **Friday 3rd July 2020** – Transition assemblies - details to follow from Centres.
- **Friday 17th July 2020 at 1pm** – Last day of term. Pupils will have lunch at school and will leave by their usual mode of transport.

Key dates for 2020-2021 Academic Year

Pupils will return to school on **Monday 7th September 2020**. We are hoping to welcome back all pupils on this day, but due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we will communicate any alternative arrangements that need to be put in place. If the current Social Distancing regulations remain in place, it could potentially mean that your child will be expected to attend school on a rota basis to accommodate all pupils. We will communicate this with you during the summer break.

Below are the Training Days we have been able to confirm for the year, where our Centres will be closed to all pupils:

- **Tuesday 1st September 2020**
- **Wednesday 2nd September 2020**
- **Thursday 3rd September 2020**
- **Friday 4th September 2020**
- **Friday 23rd October 2020**

The final 2 training days for the year are yet to be confirmed and will be communicated as soon as possible.

Term Dates 2020-21

Term 1	Half-term
Tuesday 1 st September 2020 – Friday 18 th December 2020	Friday 23 rd October 2020- Monday 2 nd November 2020
Term 2	
Monday 4 th January 2021 – Thursday 1 st April 2021	Friday 12 th February 2021 – Monday 22 nd February 2021
Term 3	
Monday 19 th April 2021 – Wednesday 21 st July 2021	Friday 28 th May 2021- Monday 7 th June 2021

Year 11 Leavers

Friday 26th June 2020 is the official leaving date for Year 11s nationally. We will, therefore, officially say farewell to our Year 11s at Dovedale and Parkway on this date, although we plan to continue to maintain some level of contact with them all, particularly regarding transition support which will be communicated separately to our Year 11 families. You will also receive information regarding exam results in a separate letter.

Our safeguarding responsibility officially ceases at this point, but we would like to stress that we will still be very keen to offer support in whatever way we can – please contact your child’s Centre Leader if necessary.

Transition arrangements

As with previous years, the final 2 weeks of the academic year are when we focus solely on transition and implementing plans to support a smooth start to the academic year in September. This is even more prudent this year, and we know that several of you asked for this to happen to support your child. All pupils across our 3 teaching centres will therefore move up to their new year groups from **Monday 6th July 2020**.

Your child’s Centre Leader will communicate with you in the coming weeks any changes to key workers, groups and timetables. Timetables and staffing for September have been finalised, but as you can imagine this is potentially subject to change depending on government guidance and instruction.

Parents of Year 9 pupils at Northfield

Fulltime provision will be offered at the Parkway Centre for all Year 9 pupils who will be continuing with us. If your child is currently eligible to receive transport, then arrangements will be made by your child’s centre.

If you feel your child will not be able to attend full-time at Parkway, but you would like to arrange some face-to-face drop-in sessions, please let us know.

Supporting transition

Understandably, many young people across the country might find the prospect of the forthcoming academic year daunting for a number of reasons; all of which will only have been exacerbated by the ongoing circumstances. We would urge all parents and carers to continue to communicate with us about the challenges you or your child are facing, and we will do whatever we can to support your child building up to returning full-time at school from September onwards.

With that in mind, your child's Centre Leader will be inviting you to an online Zoom meeting at the end of the first week of transition, where parents/carers and each Centre's management team will provide the opportunity to share experiences of navigating this difficult time, but more importantly strategies that have helped you to get through this with your child that our staff and other families might find beneficial.

Finally, I have included the contact details of the 3 Centre Leaders for your information. Please contact them if you have queries about any of the above.

Charmaine Parry – Dovedale Centre Leader – parryc@jamesbrindley.org.uk

Louise Thomas – Parkway Centre Leader – thomasl@jamesbrindley.org.uk

Sophie Bartlett – Northfield Centre Leader – bartletts@jamesbrindley.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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Vice Principal – Head of Parkway, Northfield and Dovedale Centres