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Dear Parents,

It seems appropriate as we approach the newest round of restrictions lifting to thank everyone for their diligence and support over the past few months. Few can argue that the picture going forward is far more positive than in recent months, both in terms of reported COVID cases and those in the community vaccinated. We must however continue to proceed with caution. The recent surge testing in Wandsworth is proof that COVID 19 is still around. We are constantly reviewing our existing risk assessment as we begin to slowly unwind. I am delighted to report that the Early Years and Key Stage 1/2 wraparound provision will be fully open from Monday next week, taking children from 7.30am before school until 5.45pm after school. Please visit parent pay to book a place on this school operated provision.

A reminder that you are welcome to store your child's scooters and bikes in the bike shed at the front of the school, at your own risk. The shed is not locked during the school day, only overnight. We would therefore ask you please to ensure that these items are locked with an appropriate bike lock with a key, or a combination lock. Unfortunately, a couple of scooters have been stolen recently, which is extremely upsetting for children and their parents. The stolen items were not locked, so easily removed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Large gatherings inside remain difficult for the foreseeable future and with this in mind we have decided to run our Summer term parent consultations remotely using an excellent web based provider called School Cloud. This setup will allow trouble free video conferencing that is easy to set up and administer. The technology is tried and tested across the country and we are very excited about the opportunities that it may bring over the next few months and years. You will receive details on how to use it early next week and will be able to book appointments easily through our specific School Cloud account. Please do contact the school office if you are experiencing any difficulties.

We have a number of excellent links with schools in the Deanery and the surrounding area. One area that has been thriving lately is the link we have with Donhead Preparatory school, based in Edge Hill, Wimbledon. As well as donating a large number of items of IT equipment and funding, we have built up an excellent relationship with the school chaplain and faith team there. Members of our own faith team were invited to participate in a very special liturgy in the school on Thursday to celebrate the crowning of our Lady with the school. We were extremely honored to be asked to participate and look forward to developing this link further over the coming months.

"Love proves itself by deeds so how am I to show my love?" St Thérèse of Lisieux



Children across the school took some time out to think about Christ's Ascension on Thursday's Holy day of obligation. His promise to shield and support us as we share the 'Good news' is echoed in the John's Gospel this weekend, as Jesus prays to his father at the last supper to make our words and deeds sacred and focussed on our care for others. Pope Francis reminds us that we should 'Above all, take care of the people in need around us'.

It is what we are about.....Love proves itself by deeds....

Please see [here](#) for the Wednesday Word version of John's Gospel.

Have a great weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Dachtler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr J Dachtler  
Headteacher