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Dear Parents of Year 6,

Thank you for your support over the recent few months in what has been a difficult and challenging time for all our pupils and families. I am very aware that this has been even more so for our Year 6 who are coming to the end of their time with us here at Longney.

It is lovely to have Year 6 back in with us at the present time, it has been good to see them interacting with each other and the staff. The opportunity to touch base with school after such a long time is very important for everyone. All pupils need to have this opportunity before the summer holiday but in order to offer this to our other year groups, we have decided that we will say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils on Thursday 2nd July. This has not been an easy decision but secondary school transitions are due to take place at the beginning of July and this gives us the opportunity to reorganise our groups at this point. Until that date, we look forward to seeing our Year 6 pupils in school from Monday to Thursday.

I know that all our pupils look forward to the 'traditional' end of primary school celebrations and for our cohort this year this will not be possible and will cause disappointment. We have been thinking long and hard about how we can make things as 'normal' as possible but unfortunately, due to the current government guidance around gatherings, social distancing and infection control, we will not be able to hold a Leavers' celebration worship service as we always have done. We will, however, hold a celebration worship in school so we can award the trophies before the children move on and we will send a Zoom link to parents and our other classes so everyone can be part of this. I know Mr Hanrahan has also been arranging for pupils to send in their song choices and videos so he can put together a Leavers' song. Further details to follow.

I don't think any of us ever imagined being in this situation and I certainly would never have thought that I would be spending so much time reading government guidance and organising a school around a rota system designed to keep children apart. However, we have to work within these parameters currently and make the best of the situation. Hopefully it will not be too long before we can all return to what we know as 'the norm'.

With best wishes,

Ms Howard
Headteacher

