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Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your families are all well. As we move into July, it is with a sense of sadness that we have not been able to welcome back our last remaining year group into school. As I know you will understand, throughout the pandemic, we have had to take directives from the Government and the DFE ensuring that no class size exceeds 15 pupils. Although we hoped to have all Primary school children returning before the summer, we have in the last few weeks acknowledged that this will not be possible and therefore we regrettably will not be able to open again for all Year 2 before the end of term.

We have cherished and loved our wonderful Year 2 for three years and I cannot tell you how sorry I am that we have not been able to end the year in our usual way with assemblies, parties and fond farewells. I completely understand the disappointment that you and your children will feel and I would like to thank you all once again for your unwavering support throughout the last few months when we have all been shaken by this global pandemic.

We fully recognise the important processes we usually have in place regarding Transition to Year 3. Although this has not been possible this term, communication has continued with all the junior schools that your child will be moving to and we have liaised with Year 3 Teams across the city to ensure that we have passed on accurate information to help them prepare for your son or daughter. Junior schools will all be making decisions about their own events and I am sure that they will talk to you about their plans for September as soon as the Government releases more information later this week.

Face to Face meeting- next week

Thank you for continuing to access the Home Learning on line. Next week marks the start of a new 'Year 2' Topic based around feelings about Transition and the emotions this will bring when moving to a new school. With this in mind, we have arranged an **appointment for you** and your child to attend to have a 'face to face' meeting with your class teacher. This will be an opportunity to come into the school and have some time to catch up with your teacher and talk through the pack of activities we have produced for your child. Infection control remains our highest priority, therefore all meetings will take place at a distance of 2m and in the playground away from other children.

You will receive a text this week letting you know your allocated time to come into school via the back gate and meet your teachers in the playground for 10 minutes. I know that the teachers will be thrilled to see you again as they have really missed you all. We will also give you back your Year 2 books so you may wish to bring a bag to carry everything home.

Transition Booklet

Each of your children will receive a booklet to work through with you at home. It will include opportunities for writing about their strengths, hobbies, things they are looking forward to at school and interests they have. There will also be spaces for pictures and photos which will be wonderful to share with their Year 3 Teachers. We will give you this pack when you come in with your child next week.

Year 2 Assembly

We would like to arrange a special surprise for the children so would be grateful if you could email a recent photo of your child to your teacher via the Class email. We would also like you and your child to think of some of their favourite memories here at the Infant school across the three years. We will try and include them in our montage of memories. Again, please email your thoughts and special memories to the teachers to be included as a way to remember their time at Stamshaw Infant.

Children of Keyworkers

For those children who have been in school during the Lockdown, we will not text parents with an appointment time as we have had daily contact. However we will still discuss the booklets with your children and send their books home next week. Please remember to email photos and special memories to the Class email.

We would be grateful to receive all photos and memories by **Friday 10th July**.

Once again please accept my thanks to you all in this challenging time. We have missed our Year 2 children so very much and we look forward to touching base, if just for a short time, next week at school.

With warm wishes,

Mrs J Cooper

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