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Dear Families,

What a term! Let's look at it in numbers:

- It has been **117** days since lockdown began
- We have **5** different combinations of 'Learning from School' vs. 'Learning from Home'
- We printed and sent home over **30 000** pages of individualised learning from home packs.
- We sent home **20** devices to support learning from home.
- We have planned and posted over **2300** lessons on the VLE.
- We have made over **4500** phone calls.
- We have supported families with over **£8000** of free school meals vouchers.
- We have completed **84** annual reviews remotely.
- We have shared **12** virtual assemblies and **11** explainer videos for families.
- We have finished **3** books via Comfy Reading, and started **3** new ones which we'll finish in September.



All of this was in service of one singular aim: **keep our Rise community safe and well** (with regards to both their physical and mental health) during this global pandemic. And none of this would have been possible with the relationships and collaboration we have with you as families.

It is safe to say that this is a year that no-one could have anticipated. Yes, there have been losses and missed opportunities, not least because we love having the whole community together for events like the Art festival and Sports Day which we were unable to do this year.

However, there have also been gains. Pupils have gained resilience, tolerance, flexibility and a whole range of impressive life skills including D.I.Y, painting, gardening, cooking and household chores.



We, like you, are looking forward a restful and rejuvenating summer holidays - where staying safe will still be a top priority for us all. We are looking forward to welcoming your son or daughter back to 'version 6' of The Rise in September 2020.

Have a great summer,
Helen

Primary highlights



Abby Padey, Bay Class Teacher

A highlight for me has been Bilal's maturity and resilience in wake of this pandemic. He taken on a complete change in his routine and has been respectful and calm in a time where a lot of people are feeling anxious. He has been a joy to have in the classroom this term.

Jade, Mandy, Sonia and I are so proud of all of Hazel class this year, They are fantastic to work with and we are amazed at their resilience at the challenging times of late and how they have just carried on. They have also overcome and excelled in many aspects of learning at school and at home. We have had a wonderful year with them all and have had fun, and we wish them well as they venture into year 7.



Lauraine Pink, Hazel Class TLA

Before lockdown happened Willow class were working extremely hard in English and engaged and enjoyed learning about Shackleton's Journey'. Willow Class were given the task to write a CV out . We looked into famous people CV such as Professor Albus Dumbledore, this allowed the pupils to see what types of characteristics they needed. Willow class picked out which type of roles they wanted to be. We had cooks, photographers, and captain.

Willow Class are ready to set sail into Year 6!



Sam Elmer, Willow Class TLA

We have welcomed back lots of the Oak pupils back into school and they have settled in brilliantly completing lots of their work on the VLE. We're also impressed at how those who have continued to learn from home have increased their IT skills and independence to be able to access their lessons on the VLE.



Sam Challenor, Oak Class Teacher

Secondary highlights



Caroline McIntyre-Gray
Maple Class Teacher

Maple class have been resilient over the lockdown period, keeping up with work online. Some of our students have been helping with the care of their siblings and around the home. At the start of the year the Maple class team changed some of their staff, the class all have formed great relationships with their teachers and TLAs over the year. All pupils have made progress over the last term and we are proud of their academic achievements and development of their life skills.

My highlight was seeing the progression and perseverance AJ and Brooklyn have shown with their musical instruments.



Vincent Kennedy
Elm Class Teacher

Dragon Class highlight is welcoming the boys back to school. It was brilliant to see how flawlessly they interacted with each other playing games all this by maintaining social distancing. It was also good to see how resilient they were coping with all the changes lock down brought with it and embraced working from home on the VLE. Dragon boys have really made The Rise very proud...together they have maintained all our school values. We are very proud of them and want to wish them a wonderful summer holiday. STAY SAFE...



Fred Ovola, Dragon Class Teacher

I have loved being around year 8 when working from school. The boys have been completing all their work and learning new art and music skills. AJ and Brooklyn are budding rockstars and Warrick has been completing daily exercise challenges. Also playing tennis with them at lunch has been a joy. Thank you boys!



Lee Bulmer
Larch Class Teacher



Manaz Pimple, Wellbeing Lead

My highlight is Harrison from Cypress class displaying concern for another pupil during one of his difficult moments. One instance of putting others before himself by ensuring the fan was strategically positioned to allow one of his classmates to be cooled down.

Sixth Form

While these past few months have been unusual and challenging for the Sixth Form students, I am happy to announce that each one of our students attending classes have successfully passed and completed their courses for the 2019-2020 academic year. Please see the table below, outlining their next steps.

Names	2019-2020 Courses	2020-2021 Courses
Alex	ICT Level 3 Year 1	ICT Level 3 Year 2
Angel	Uniformed Public Services	Uniformed Public Services
Daniel B.	Uniformed Public Services Level 3 Year 1	Uniformed Public Services Level 3 Year 2
Danny	Carpentry & Joinery Level 2	Carpentry & Joinery Level 3
Declan	Health and Social Care Level 2	Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care
Kevin	Aviation	Aviation
Kieran	ICT Level 3 Year 1	ICT Level 3 Year 2
Robert	Uniformed Public Services Level 2	Uniformed Public Services Level 3
Sean	Creative Media Production Level 3 Year 1	Creative Media Production Level 3 Year 2
Zach	Digital Arts	Animation and Games Design



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Monday 31 st August	Last day of the summer holidays
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET Day – school closed to all pupils, as planned
Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET DAY – school closed to all pupils, as planned
Thursday 3 rd September	*6Ash, 6Whitebeam, 7Teak, 7Kapok, 8Juniper, 8Larch classes ONLY *Other pupils are at home.
Friday 4 th September	*5Bay, 9Elm, 9Maple, 10Dragon, 10Cypress, 11Pear, 11Sorrel ONLY *Other pupils are at home
Monday 7 th September	All pupils return as normal (unless an individualised phased return agreed) Arrival between 8.20-8.50 Collection between 2.45-3.15

Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October: Half term

Friday 18 December: Last day of term (pupils finish at 1pm)

Our Tweets of the term...



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