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Dear Parents / Carers

I hope that you are well and all keeping safe. At this point of the school year, we would be thinking about and looking forward to September and the start of the new year for all our children. As you might know we organise an open morning for parents to meet their child's new class teacher and we organise 3 days in July where all children have a chance to be taught by their new teacher. This is always a positive experience and helps allay some of the worries about September and new school year. Sadly, we will not be able to run anything like this before the end of the school year.

We have been thinking long and hard about how we can give your children the opportunity to experience transition this year due to COVID-19. Our school has remained open for a number of key worker children since March and have now opened to year 6 and year 1 and reception on Wednesday of this week. Due to social distancing and staff allocation plus the amount of space we have this has meant, like lots of other schools, that transition work in school cannot go ahead.

Therefore, we are proposing that this week you will be sent a text message informing you of your child's new class teacher in September. You will then be able to go onto the website under <https://rise-park-primary.secure-primariesite.net/transition-videos-2020-2021/> and your child's class teacher will introduce themselves alongside other members of the team.

Throughout this week they will then be in contact with you. **Please be aware that they may be phoning from a withheld number. Can I politely ask that you pick this up, it is highly likely to be school.** They will then speak to your child to introduce themselves and answer any questions you or child may have. Could I also ask that, as most of the staff are in school, please be patient with us regarding timings of when they phone.

The last week of term, week commencing 20th July, Showbie will finish for all year groups with their current teacher and their new teacher will take over. Throughout the week the teachers have planned a transition programme, similar to the one undertaken in school, to enable your child to get to know his / her teacher and vice versa.

I completely share your sense of frustration and concern that surrounds the whole issue of safe wider school opening both as a headteacher and parent. Like you, we would like to have certainty about how things will be in September, but based on how the situations have developed since March we know that's unlikely. There are many limiting factors but rest assured the staff have already been liaising with their previous teachers regarding your child and we hope you agree that we have tried to

create a fully well thought out transition programme for your child. We hope that this will calm any worries they may have and give them something to look forward to.

If you have any questions or queries at all, please remember that staff are in school for you to contact and are always willing to discuss any queries or questions you may have.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs N Kelly', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs N Kelly
Headteacher