



# Dashwood Banbury Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As per our previous letter today, we are planning an opportunity in school for pupils to say goodbye to their current teacher and hello to their new teacher but staying in their 'bubbles'. As well as the treasure hunt, passport activities and ice-pop celebrations, we are also offering Reception pupils the chance to graduate! We normally hold a **Graduation Ceremony** in the hall with parents/carers invited but due to Covid-19, we are not able to do this. Instead, we are going to hold the ceremony in their current 'bubbles' and invite the other half of the class and parents/carers to watch virtually via zoom! Pupils will make a graduation style hat in school in the week leading up to the ceremony which they are able to take home and keep. (If your child is not currently attending school and you choose to continue to not send them in, they are able to come in on the day of the ceremony in their given time slots but please note that they will not have a hat to wear unless you make one at home using black card as we will not be able to measure their heads.)

Here are the details of the ceremonies:

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9.45-10.05am	Peach 1 <a href="https://forms.gle/W9BrbwHbnb9ysGZu6">https://forms.gle/W9BrbwHbnb9ysGZu6</a>
	10.15-10.35am	Peach 2 <a href="https://forms.gle/WhcST9Wuku1KD9e67">https://forms.gle/WhcST9Wuku1KD9e67</a>
	10.45 – 11.05am	Pear 1 <a href="https://forms.gle/6ip3q1jgU3B7LHLE8">https://forms.gle/6ip3q1jgU3B7LHLE8</a>
	1-1.20pm	Pear 2 <a href="https://forms.gle/xZHnLt8fcxepZX6u8">https://forms.gle/xZHnLt8fcxepZX6u8</a>

## What do we need you to do?

- If your child is not attending school, as mentioned before, we highly recommend that they do now. If you are **sending them back**, or would like them to attend for this day only, please **call** the office to let them know.
- If you would like to virtually attend your child's Graduation Ceremony, please complete the correct **survey** above to sign up for the event by **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**. Please note that we are unable to accept names after this date as we need time to set the ceremony up. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, you are only able to attend virtually so must have internet access for this time.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how amazing the pupils in Reception have been this year and despite all the upheaval and worries, they have been resilient and little rays of sunshine! Before the lockdown, the children were loving school and making such good progress in all areas of the curriculum. Since the lockdown, I have been impressed with all the work and life skills you as parents have been giving your children. I know that many of you will be worried about what the next year holds but please know, my staff are working hard at developing a catch up programme which will continue to focus on



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wellbeing, phonics, reading, writing and maths. For those in school, we are already speedily catching them up and for those still at home, please continue to support your child by completing all home activities you can. I am so pleased that the children will hopefully be back to normal classes in September as young people who will look so smart in their blazers and ties as members of Key Stage One. There will be more details about their uniform and any further changes you need to know in your child's class transition letter on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Kane as Key Stage lead or the office. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ARogers". The letters are cursive and connected, with a large 'A' and 'R'.

Amy Rogers

Principal