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Dear parent/carer,

Today, following an unprecedented academic year, we are delighted to provide you with your child's annual end of year report and communicate to you the staffing structure for 2020-2021.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, when the government ordered the closure of schools to the vast majority of children due to COVID-19, was the last official day in school for the academic year 2019-2020. As you are aware, children were offered learning opportunities from home but the National Curriculum/Early Years Curriculum itself was suspended for the remainder of the year. Therefore, your child's report contains comments regarding the different areas of the curriculum prior to 20<sup>th</sup> March, but may also contain references to your child's engagement in home learning activities during the closure. We respect and recognise that families will have completed home learning activities in a variety of ways; these comments are based on the evidence provided, communication and any online interactions.

As we have been unable to complete the whole school year, this report is a reflection of what their class teacher believes they were on track to achieve in terms of progress and attainment had they completed the entire school year. These assessments were based on a combination of the spring tests and also teacher assessment. Of course, these may have changed as a result of the school closure. Therefore, at the beginning of the next academic year, we will assess all the children to identify their starting points for the next academic year.

In order to share your child's home school experiences and also update you on the next steps for your child, we will be holding a parents' evening at the end of September – much earlier than usual. Our focus will be on celebrating your child's achievements during the school closure but also identifying any gaps in learning (should there be any) which need to be addressed.

For obvious reasons, there is no expectation for schools to report on attendance this year; however, we have reported your child's attendance at the time of closure. If your child achieved 100% attendance, they will receive their award. As we embrace a new school year in September, it will be vitally



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important that every child's attendance is as close to 100% as possible in order to help us implement our catch up programme to get the children back on track.

I am sure that you appreciate the time taken by the teachers in preparing for and writing these reports. This has been a challenging time for them as they would have loved nothing more than to be in a classroom teaching your child – they are a unique, compassionate and dedicated set of individuals who are so grateful for your partnership and the support you have given your children during the school closure.

If there are any points which are not clear then please do not hesitate to ask the class teacher for clarification via the eSchools messaging service.

As mentioned in my previous correspondence, today we have organised collection of reports for each year group. The windows of time are as follows:

<b>Reception</b>	9:45am – 10:30am
<b>Year 1</b>	9:45am – 10:30am
<b>Year 2</b>	10:30am – 11:15am
<b>Year 3</b>	11:30am – 12:15pm
<b>Year 4</b>	1:00pm – 1:45pm
<b>Year 5</b>	1:45pm – 2:30pm
<b>Year 6</b>	9:45am – 10:30am

If you have a child in Reception, Year 1, Year 6 or in the Friday Keyworker group, they will be given their report to bring home along with any reports of siblings in other year groups not in school. This is to save parents making unessential trips to school and will reduce the number of visitors to the school site.

Please can we ask that you arrive at school within the window of time following the path and the one-way system. You will be allowed into the school building via the entrance door and escorted to the hall where you will be able to collect your child's report and any books if they have not collected them already at the well-being sessions. There will be members of staff on hand to support you with the identification of your child's report. If you have more than one child at Newchurch, please select just one of the windows of time and you can take all your children's reports etc. To ensure there is no data protection breach, when exiting the school building, the report will be checked to ensure that it is the correct one. Should you be unable to pick your child's report up, then we will keep it in school for collection in September. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate parents coming to school to collect reports on any other day.

As yet, the plans for September are still being drafted following the guidance from the government received on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. There are still some areas to consider but once we are sure of what Newchurch will look like in September, we will communicate this to you – ideally before the end of the school year



(17<sup>th</sup> July). However, what we can guarantee is staff that love your children and will continue to work in partnership with you in order to help fulfil your child's potential and enable them to 'prepare to fly'. The staffing structure for next year will be as follows:

Year group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception	Mrs Sizer	Miss Sullivan
Year 1	Mrs Toone (Monday/Tuesday) Miss Igglesden (Wednesday/Thursday/Friday)	Mrs Urmston/Mr Boon
Year 2	Mr Tattersall	Mrs Worthington
Year 3	Miss Brinksman	Mrs Dixon
Year 4	Mrs Conreen	Mrs Wilkinson-Gamble
Year 5	Mr Duckett	Miss Ingham and Mrs Price
Year 6	Mr Singleton	Mrs Storey

I am sure that 2020-2021 will be a great year for Newchurch and trust that the unexpected events of 2019-2020 have made our partnership stronger. Here's to a well-earned rest for us all and a growing optimism for the year ahead of us.

With kindest regards,



Mrs Jayne Narraway

Head Teacher



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