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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

It only seems like yesterday that I was welcoming you to the Summer Term. Time is flying and we now only have four weeks to go! We are entering that bitter sweet time when children are spending last moments in their current class and are getting ready for next year. Transition activities have already begun and we are now hosting welcome evenings and tours across the federation. If you cannot make a transfer activity but have some questions to ask feel free to contact the schools. We will do our best to answer any query you may have.

The schools are adapting their management of the children due to the hot weather and glorious sunshine. Please can you help by making sure that the children are coming to school protected with sun cream and wearing a suitable hat.

End of Year

A huge thank you to the staff who are working so hard to prepare for transition. Reports are being checked ready for handover and I expect the same sense of positivity that was felt across the federation after our consultation evenings. The children have been working really hard this year and our standards are looking good. I would like to thank you all for supporting us with your child's learning and engaging with school activities and homework – that positive reinforcement really does help!

The schools are not holding consultations this term but if you do need to seek some clarification in relation to an end of year report do not hesitate to arrange a conversation with the teaching team.

The schools will again be arranging a formal transfer day on Friday 6th July when the children will have a chance to spend some time in their new classes.

School Drop Off / Pick up

Thank you for your patience and resilience. Things have definitely calmed down now the barrier at Twin Sails is back online. The school camera systems have now been updated so we are also able to investigate any anti-social behaviour or driving. However, the morning routine is a joyous experience and I am truly loving the opportunity to welcome the children and catch up with their news. Please remember myself and the team are also there to help sort out any 'morning wobbles' and if you need help getting a child in to school or out of a car feel free to ask. This week alone I have been shown football medals, new reading books, a swimming certificate, a wobbly tooth and a grazed knee!

Carter Community School Building Programme

Great news - I am sure you are aware the Local Authority have agreed plans and funding for Carter Community School to be expanded. This will allow Carter to continue to improve their facilities and build on the considerable achievements of the last few years. Mrs Davidson and her team should be justifiably proud of their progress and now the excitement around Carter will only increase further. As a community it is great to see all their hard work coming to fruition. It is the plan for these works to start in July 2018 and run on until August 2019.

Every Child, Every Day, Every Possibility

Hamworthy Park Junior School is proud to be part of the Hillary Partnership and the Hamwic Education Trust



Please be aware that once the works start there will **no longer be parking available** for parents of Hamworthy Park and Twin Sails Schools, due to contractor access and parking. Please can you all prepare for this eventuality and plan accordingly.

Attendance

Please be aware that since my last letter school attendance has dropped below our set targets. The school is held to account by the Educational Welfare team at the Borough of Poole and by The Hamwic Education Trust. Both schools have had huge success in ensuring lateness is no longer a concern across the federation, however absence has spiked and that seems to be due to an increase in pupils being taken on holiday during term time. It is concerning in that despite the hard work of staff, children and parents in improving standards an attendance rate of below 95% will result in an institution being deemed a failing school. Please can I remind you all that I can no longer give permission for term time holidays. For the remainder of this term and from September 2018, our particular focus will be on attendance. We will continue to monitor poor attendance and parents will be challenged if these levels fall towards the 95% mark. Hopefully now the weather is improving the federation's attendance should improve. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

I look forward to seeing you all during the remaining summer term activities and always feel free to come and have a chat with me in the morning.

Kind Regards

Mr D Hewitt
Executive Headteacher