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Cancelled All Change Day – Whole School

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you will be aware from recent news articles the Delta variant of COVID-19 is highly transmissible. Across schools in County Durham we are now starting to see the impact and many schools across the regions have had to close class bubbles or in the case of some schools close completely under the advice of Public Health England.

Woodham Academy, which the majority of our Year 6 pupils transfer to, have cancelled their transition day for all primary schools. I understand that this is disappointing for the pupils as a transition day plays a significant role in helping the children to feel less anxious about the move to a new school. As a result, Year 6 pupils should attend our school as normal on **Monday 28th June**.

Due to the surge of cases locally, and taking into consideration the health and safety implications for pupils and the whole school community, we will now not be able to carry out 'All Change Day' on Monday 28th June for our children in school as planned. I appreciate that this is highly disappointing for the children, as many were looking forward to meeting their new teacher. We will endeavour to create opportunities for staff to meet their new class, for short bursts, possibly outdoors or in a large space such as the hall, before the end of the Summer term.

I am sorry to have to change our plans at such late notice but I am sure you will agree that we want to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19 and consequently having to close classes and resume online learning before the end of the Summer term. I know this has been the hardest of times for many children and families but hopefully these measures will protect the whole community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L Adamson'.

Mrs L Adamson
Headteacher