

21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

### Year 4 Sporting Carousel, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

As you may be aware, we have had our transition programme planned for some months, largely based around the restrictions being lifted by the government on 21<sup>st</sup> June. Given that this has been delayed, we have been working on what we can feasibly deliver within DfE/government guidelines that will be of benefit to the young people in our feeder primary schools. In relation to transition-type visits, the DfE guidance focuses on the need to keep pupils in their 'consistent groups'; e.g. pupils should be kept within their primary school bubble, away from other groups of children and staff.

It is therefore with great sadness that we are cancelling the Year 4 Sporting Carousel afternoon, scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> July. The reason for this is that we would be inviting huge numbers of Year 4s into our school, who would come into contact with both Becket staff and students, as our Year 10 Sports Leaders are an integral part of this event. Whilst we can attempt to keep groups of primary school children separated, there would inevitably be some overlap due to the numbers involved and we would also not be able to allocate separate sets of toilets to each group. Having looked at our internal calendar, it is not possible to reschedule this particular event to later in July.

Whilst we know this will be a huge disappointment to both you and your child(ren), we trust you understand that we have the best interests of everyone involved at heart and the risk, at the present time, is greater than the benefits of this event. We must also ensure we are following the DfE guidelines, which are based on the scientific information and advice shared by the government. As we run a taster day for all pupils in our feeder primary schools in the Pentecost Term of Year 5, we hope to be able to incorporate some sporting activities at that point in time.

Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to meeting both you and your child(ren) at future events.

Yours faithfully



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