



Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed



16th June 2021

Dear Parents,

As you know, regrettably we have taken the very difficult decision to cancel this year's Sport's Day. We understand the disappointment many parents feel. We were also looking forward very much to sharing this event with you and celebrating the children's sporting efforts together as a school community.

As I am sure you will understand, the announcement on Monday confirming the postponement of Stage 4 of the government's 'Roadmap' has required us to reconsider plans for the end of term to ensure we continue to put the safety of our school community (as well as the wider community) first.

Having considered many factors and searched for possible solutions, we simply do not have the capacity to safely accommodate 64 parents for EYs and 120 for KS1 and 2 (1 parent per child) onsite and ensure they remain socially distanced. As those of you who have attended previous Sport's Days will know, our school field whilst generous, only has capacity for parents in the area outside of the hall. To safely hold a Sport's Day we would need to be able to ensure that there is appropriate space between the children's spectator and event areas and the parents.

We do appreciate that for EYs and the KS1 and 2 bubbles, these children are from the same bubble and parents are dropping off and collecting at the same time together each day but the Sport's Day event would mean parents being in close quarters for a longer period of time which has, unfortunately, rendered the event unviable.

One alternative option we hoped would be possible was to hold separate, year group events. However, the availability in terms of the school calendar and staffing meant this was not feasible.

Again, we do share your disappointment and will do what we can to share photos of the day with you at home.

We very much look forward to being able to enjoy whole school events with you all once again at the earliest and safest opportunity.

Best wishes,

S Varricchione

Headteacher