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Dear parents

I hope you are all safe and well. I know many of you are anxious as we are to know what the Autumn term will be in like for schools and we still await the government announcement that will bring clarity to us all. I can share with you that in Leicester the Local authority, in conjunction with all schools across the City, have this week agreed that the first week of term will be for staff only. This means we will begin to bring students back into school from the 1st September onwards. Schools will need time to ensure all measures and procedures are in place to ensure the safety of staff and students. We will use this time to brief our staff and make ensure everything is ready. To ease the transition for students, we will have a staggered start bringing back one year group at a time to help them adjust to being back in school and ensure they understand how to keep themselves and everyone around them safe.

In the meantime we look towards the end of term and despite the challenges we want to mark the end of the year with challenge, fun and celebration. To celebrate and reward all the hard work and resilience our students have put in this term (not to mention parents!) next week will be challenge week for students with a range of fun challenges and activities each day for them to complete and submit photos of their achievements. We want to see as many fun and exciting photos as possible and will be awarding certificate and prizes for participation.

This week would have seen our Rathayatra celebration day in school. It was disappointing not to be able to plan and enjoy this day with students and sadly, the festival that the whole city usually enjoys cannot be held this year. However there is an opportunity to bring some of the joy of the festival to your own homes and I have attached details of the Make Leicester Smile campaign below

Make Leicester Smile, a celebration to capture the spirit of the Festival of Chariots.

On 12th of July 2020, celebrate with us by receiving a gift of a vegan treat and other goodies*. All you have do is register below and await for your gift on the day. *Covering LE postcodes only Delivery will follow social distancing rules. This is an opportunity for you to step out and receive the smile of Jagannatha, Lord of the Universe, at your own doorstep.

So please become a recipient of this smile and register for the event on <u>bit.ly/MAKELEICESTERSMILE</u>, to receive your free gift on the day.



Do stay safe and well.

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