



**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Calshot and Art Week**

Dear Parent or Carers,

I am writing to let you know that I have made the decision that year 6 will not be going to Calshot this next week. I know that our children who were still potentially able to go at this stage will be really disappointed but I am confident that this is the only decision that I should be making at this time.

The R rate in Havant is increasing at a significant rate and the number of children and staff in Havant schools who are having to self-isolate has also jumped significantly in the last week. With this in mind, I would have to be confident that in taking 6SB, and a couple of children from other classes, to Calshot that I was not going to be spreading the virus to another location. At this time, I cannot say that I am confident in this and as such it would be wrong of me to expose the staff at Calshot and in turn their families to an increased risk of exposure to the virus.

The children in 6SB, and those in 6AF and 6GR who can be in school next week, will be working with Mrs Brydon and Mrs Howard on the activities planned across the school for art week (Monday – Wednesday) before returning to their learning journeys within the curriculum on Thursday. Please can they come to school in uniform but with an art shirt. They need to arrive at school between 8.50am and 9am and will leave school at 3.35pm.

Mrs Hext will be in touch later in the week to confirm details for refunds once I have had a chance to talk to Calshot. I will investigate whether there is the potential to return later in the year but this will depend upon availability, cost and the situation that we all face in relation to Covid-19.

Thank you for your continuing support at this difficult time.

David Bessant

Headteacher

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