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Updated COVID-19 guidance and school events

Dear Parents & Carers,

Earlier this week it was announced by the Government that there would be further removal of COVID-19 restrictions from Monday 19th July. As part of this, school bubbles will no longer be recommended, nor will the wearing of face coverings or the requirement to social distance, the Government did acknowledge that schools may well wish to continue with their current approaches until the end of the Summer term. In response to this, I want to make you aware of the school's approach for the remainder of the summer term and our current plan for September:

Plans for the remainder of this Summer term, 19th – 27th July:

- To reduce the likelihood of families' summer holiday plans being disrupted, we will operate with year group bubbles until the end of this Summer term on 27th July.
- We will continue with our staggered start and finish times as many families will have organised work and childcare commitments around these.
- Lunchtimes will continue in the staggered way they currently have been.
- There will no longer be the requirement to wear a face covering when on school grounds for any adult.
- Children displaying COVID-19 symptoms (new, continuous cough, or high temperature, or loss/change to sense of smell or taste) should continue to get a PCR test and self-isolate until they receive their result but this will not result in a full bubble closure.

Plans for September 2021:

- We will no longer be operating with the year group bubble system.
 - School will start at 9:00am (gates will open at 8:45am and children can enter classrooms at this time).
 - School will finish at 3:15pm.
 - Morning Nursery will run from 8:45am – 11:45am and afternoon Nursery from 12:30pm – 3:30pm (Nursery collection can take place from 3:20pm).
 - School will have a variety of gates / entrances open as we currently do but the vehicle main entrance at the front of school will have the barrier back in operation and we remind all parents to please use the pathways to avoid moving vehicles.
 - Lunchtimes will return to our previous system with no requirement for bubbles to be kept separate.
 - Children will be able to mix on the playground during breaks / lunchtimes.
 - Children displaying COVID-19 symptoms (new, continuous cough, or high temperature, or loss/change to sense of smell or taste) should continue to get a PCR test and self-isolate until they receive their result.
- Some of the above may be subject to change, particularly the plans for September, depending on any future / change of guidance, but we wanted to give you all an update on how school will operate for the remainder of this term and what things will look like when we return on Monday 6th September.

Remaining key dates / events this term

Monday 12th July – School INSET day, school closed to all children.

Tuesday 13th July – EYFS trip to White Post Farm / Year 3 trip to Nottingham Castle.

Thursday 15th July – Year 6 trip to Attenborough Nature Reserve.

Monday 19th July – Year 5 / 6 Sports day (Afternoon)



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Tuesday 20th July – Year 1 / 2 /3 /4 sports Day – times to be confirmed

Wednesday 21st July – Year 5 trip to Conkers

Thursday 22nd July – Class Swap Day (re-arranged date) – children to start day in their new classroom

Friday 23rd July – End of Year reports to be sent home

Tuesday 27th July – Final day of term / Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

As you can see, we still have a very busy final couple of weeks in school. I would draw your attention to the re-arranged date for our 'Class Swap' day where children will be with their new class and teacher. We have decided that the best way to run this day is to start with children in their new classes – we have sent out a map showing where each class will be and will send this as a reminder before this date.

We will continue with the plans we have already in place for the re-arranged Sports day events – we will have a maximum of one adult for each child and tickets will be provided in advance for these events through your child's class teacher.

We look forward to a positive end of term and also wish England all of the best for their Euro2020 final on Sunday evening!

Best wishes,

Mr Rob Perkins,
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