9th July 20201

Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier this week the lifting of COVID restrictions was announced by the government and later, the Education Secretary made a statement in parliament regarding schools as the country moves to Step 4 of the government's roadmap. Updated operational guidance has been published by the Department for Education today outlining the key changes for schools.

Although the date set for moving to Step 4 by the government is 19th July, the updated guidance clearly states that schools may choose to continue with the measures that they currently have in place until the end of the summer term.

In order to keep our school community safe between now and the end of term, we will not be making any changes to our arrangements for the last week of term. Staggered starts and finishes will remain, staff will continue wear face coverings and we will continue to operate "bubbles". We would also ask that you continue to respect our request that you wear face coverings on site and do your best to maintain social distancing.

This may seem unfair, but our current COVID measures and everyone's efforts have meant that since the children returned in March, unlike many other schools, we have not had to close any of our bubbles. Local schools are still experiencing positive tests amongst their pupils and it should be remembered that the need for isolation for close contacts will remain in place until 16th August. We would hate for any member of our school community to have to start their summer break in isolation, or even worse, unwell with COVID.

Over the next couple of weeks, our risk assessments will be in line with the new guidance in preparation for September. Final arrangements for drop off and pick up times will be confirmed shortly.

With your continued support, we hope we will be able to reach the end of term happy, safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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