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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the term I want to update you on the changes to school upon the children's return in September. Our overall priority is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone in school ensuring children's learning is not unduly disrupted. As you are aware the government guidance has changed in light of the move to Step 4 of the road map. We continue to review and update our risk assessment to reflect circumstances in the school and public health advice.

Here's a brief summary of the main measures taken in preparation in September:

- The children will no longer be working in 'class bubbles'.
- The classes will be mixing at break times in the playground
- The children will be served a cooked lunch in the dining hall
- We will revert to the usual school day of 8.55am – 3.10pm (Infant School) and 8.50am – 11.50am & 12.05pm – 3.05pm (Nursery)
- The children will resume assemblies in the school hall
- The after-school clubs will restart for children in Year 1 & 2
- Children under the age of 18 who are close contacts of positive cases will no longer have to self-isolate. You may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informing you that your child has been in close contact with a person who has tested positive and will be strongly advised to take a PCR test.

We will continue with our existing control measures:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone. The existing handwashing routine and use of sanitiser will continue throughout the day.
- We will maintain our daily cleaning regimes with particular emphasis on frequently touched surfaces.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19
- If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, we will call parents to pick up their child and follow public health advice. Your child will move to remote learning.



- **Children, staff and other adults must not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test or other reasons requiring them to stay at home (e.g. if they are required to quarantine)**
- Staff will continue to undertake twice weekly the home test until advised otherwise.

Should the government guidance change before the beginning of the new term, we will obviously keep you informed before your child is due to start school on 6th September.

In the meantime, I wish everyone a safe and restful summer with their families and look forward to welcoming the children back in September.

Yours sincerely



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