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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, the Government have confirmed a further lifting of restrictions with effect from 19 July (Step 4 of the Road Map), which includes those surrounding the use of face masks and social distancing. They have also provided some updated guidance for schools which includes the following:

- From 19 July 2021, it will no longer be necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'), **however schools can continue with these measures until the end of this term.**
- Face coverings will no longer be advised for pupils, students, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas nor on transport to/from school.
- From 19 July 2021, schools will no longer carry out contact tracing and close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace.
- From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19.

Whilst the changes come into place on 19 July, for the two days that remain of the school term after that date, we have taken the decision to retain our current 'bubbles' to maintain consistency for children during a year in which they have managed significant change.

We are also aware that some of our community, for a variety of reasons, may be feeling more anxious about the changes to the restrictions and we would therefore kindly ask that for those last few days of term you continue to follow our current routines for drop off and pick up, including any social distancing and mask wearing.

We will of course write to you more fully towards the end of term to share with you the plans for the coming academic year in line with Government guidance.

Finally, could I take this opportunity to remind everyone of the following control measures which remain in place and that, should your child be absent with symptoms of Covid 19 or receive a positive test you should continue to inform as soon as possible.



1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19. [details can be found [here](#)]

With kind regards,

Emily Massey

