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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID19 Update

I hope you are all keeping well. I just wanted to update you on how things are going in school and where we stand in terms of Government Guidelines and the Government Roadmap. As you know the government have now said that we are at Step 3 as a country and we hope that on the 21st June we will be at step 4. If step 4 does go ahead then the government hopes to be in a position to remove all legal limits on social contact, which will of course be music to many ears.

However for school these relaxations will not hold much relevance in the things we can do, unless the rules around close contacts change. If the rules remain that close contacts must self-isolate for 10 days then school will continue to have to adhere to keeping bubbles separate for the time being. If we don't adhere to bubbles and allow everyone to mix then it could end up with a lot of children and staff having to go into self-isolation, not what you or we want.

We will however be making sure (COVID roadmap permitting) that we can do the important things like Transition Day. This is on Thursday 1st July. This is the day when children meet their new class teacher and spend a morning with them. This year our intention is to allow this to happen. We will ensure thorough cleaning routines are kept and staff will wear face masks and adhere to social distancing so that children can return to their current teacher in the afternoon.

We are having to make some changes to the Year 6 events and I will be writing to year 6 parents and carers after half term to clarify this.

You will have also received an email today about LFD and PCR tests. I would like to reiterate that if your child or a member of the family is displaying COVID19 symptoms; high temperature, loss of sense of taste or smell, new continuous cough, then you should get a PCR test (not use an LFD test). If you do not get a test then your child will not be able to attend school until the 10 day self-isolation period has ended. The LFD tests are only to be used when you have no symptoms.

Many thanks for ensuring that this guidance is followed. I know that we all look forward to this being a distant memory.

Kind regards,
Annie Knoupe
Headteacher



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