



15th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

The Prime Minister has announced that the return to normality is delayed until July 19th. This is not what anyone wanted to hear but with the increase in recent cases and concerns over how easily transmissible the Delta variant is, I think we can all understand the motivation.

In terms of what this means for school life for the last six weeks of term, we will continue to ask parents to follow the Covid-19 restrictions on school site, including:

- Following the one way system to avoid big groups and bottle necks
- Wearing a face mask
- Staying two metres apart

We know that these rules are not convenient and can be uncomfortable in this heat, however, they are important if we are to keep everyone safe and avoid bubble closures, so please do stick to them. If you are one of those parents who has recently begun to not follow these rules, please make a renewed effort to do so for the end of this academic year.

In terms of transition and end of year events, this announcement will have an impact on some of the things planned. Please see below for more details:

- 1) **Sports Week** – this is planned in for next week, the week beginning the 21st June. This will go ahead as planned but unfortunately no parents will be allowed to attend. The children will remain in their year group bubbles with each year group taking part at a different time. Each day there will be pictures uploaded to our social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter so that the parents at home can see and celebrate their children taking part. More information about Sports Week will come out in a letter tomorrow.
- 2) **Parents' Evenings** – These will still take place on Tuesday 29th June and Wednesday 30th June and will continue on Teams. Sign up links will be sent out next week.
- 3) **Year 6 graduation** – This was originally planned in for Tuesday 13th July and will unfortunately need to be cancelled as it will not be allowed under current Covid-19 laws. We are currently looking at other ways to mark the end of their primary school years with our Year 6s and more information will be sent out soon.

There will be other things that are affected and we will provide another update for you when we have finalised these.



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With regards to Covid-19, it has been suggested in the news that the Delta strain has some different symptoms to other variants. Currently the NHS guidance on covid-19 symptoms has not changed and I think we should be careful about formally recognising runny noses and headaches as symptoms at the moment– there's certainly no requirement for those with these symptoms to self-isolate.

However, it is something to be aware of as you care for your families. Our advice would be to carry out a home LFD test every 3-4 days as a reassurance measure and contact the NHS helpline on 111 if you have any concerns.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office.

Best wishes,

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